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FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

A Piracy in the Gulf of Mexico.

A Schooner Captured by Piratical Passengers.

A REBEL ATTACK UPON NATCHEZ.

Repulse of the Enemy, with the Loss of 800 Prisoners.

The steamship *Morning Star*, from New-Orleans Dec. 13 and Havana 16th, arrived at this port yesterday. She brings $100,000 in specie and 1,100 bales of cotton.

We are again indebted to Purser FULLER of the *Morning Star*, also the Purser of the steamship *Merrimac*, for favors.

The *Morning Star* left New Orleans Sunday, Dec. 13, arrived at Havana the 15th, and sailed next day. Has experienced heavy weather on the passage. Passed in the river, bound up, steamships *George Washington*, *Karnak* and *McClellan*; ships *Skopie*, *Old Dominion*, *John and Albert*, and French ship *Annetta*; barks *Mustang*, *Tempest* and *Sachem*; brigs *Ida M. Conroy* and *Rival*; schooner *Robert Cauldwell*, and several vessels under sail.

Off Mariel, passed a small schooner loaded with cotton (blockade runner) steering south.

Left at Havana steamship *Corsica* for New York, on the 19th. The French transport *Allier* arrived at Havana, on the 15th, with 1,200 troops for Mexico; was to sail the next day.

The British brig *Mary* bound from St. John, N. B., for Havre, with a cargo of lumber, struck on the reefs at the entrance of the harbor, on the 9th instant. Crew saved. Vessel will be a total loss, but part of the cargo is expected to be saved. On the 12th the vessel and cargo sold for $2,500.

The *Morning Star* brings as passengers Capt. JAMES NICHOLS and WALTER GREENOUGH, supercargo of the schooner *Joseph L. Geretz*, which was captured by the pirates second day out from Matamoras.

Capt. NICHOLS reports that he left Matamoras Nov. 16, bound for New-York, with a cargo of cotton and six passengers on the night of the 17th. About 12 o'clock the captain and two men on deck, one at the wheel and the other aloft, the six passengers made an assault on the captain with revolvers and knocked him down, threatened to shoot him if he made any noise. They took him forward and locked him in the forecastle, putting a guard over him. Four of them then went aft, and the mate, hearing the noise on deck, came up and was taken in the same manner and put in the forecastle with the captain and crew. Mr. GREENOUGH, the Supercargo, in attempting to come on deck was knocked down into the cabin and two shots were fired at him, but fortunately did not hit him; they confined him to his berth and kept a guard over him with orders to shoot him if he attempted to make any resistance. After keeping them in confinement for eight days, they put all hands into the small-boat and told them to find their way to land the best they could. They landed on the coast of Sisal, after being ten days and nights at sea. There they got passage to Havana in a Spanish brig, and the crew were sent to New-York by the schooner *Horace C. Bell*, from Sisal. The six passengers had paid their passage to New-York from Matamoras; their names were T. E. Hogg, of Baltimore; J. Brown, of Canada; James Clements, Kelly, and Brown, and Wilson. This Wilson was mate with Gordon the slaver, and he says he was in the Toombs in New-York for four years and ten months.

They say that there are four other parties in Matamoras waiting for vessels and chances like this, and that they are sure to get them. This same party expected to have had a steamer at Matamoras, but that it got away before they had their plans laid. After they had put the Captain and crew in the small boat they hoisted the Confederate flag, and fired off their pistols as a salute, saying that they had authority from the Confederate Government so to do. When asked where they were bound, they said to Belize, Honduras, where they could sell the vessel and cargo.

The vessel was owned by FRANCIS GERETT, of New-York, and the cotton consigned to SHEPLER & Co.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 11.

Three or four thousand troops, under WIRT ADAMS, CROSBY and LOGAN, appeared in the vicinity of Natchez early this week, attacked our forces under Gen. GRESHAM, and were repulsed and pursued. It is said we took 800 prisoners.

Brig.-Gen. WEITZEL, commanding the First division, Nineteenth corps, goes North to-morrow by the *Morning Star*. It is expected he will be transferred to Gen. BUTLER'S department, in compliance with the wish of the latter General. Others think he will return to this department with two stars. He is accompanied North by Lieut. FRED. E. SMITH, Lieut. GROVER and Lieut. FITCH, of his Staff.

Reports which have been current of a conspiracy between the colored troops and rebel prisoners at Fort Jackson, are false.

A destructive fire occurred here this morning, the the loss being estimated at $250,000. The buildings consumed were on Tchoupitoulas-street, between Gravier-street and Natchez-alley. They consisted of the large hardware establishment of F. F. FOLGER & Co., the store of GRIFFY, BYRNES & Co., the store of SCHMIDT & ZEIGLER, and two stores well stocked with liquors, belonging to JONAS PICKLES. Several other buildings on Natchez-alley were injured by falling walls. One fireman was killed, and several injured.

OUR NEW-ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

Disturbance at Fort Jackson—Extraordinary and Unfounded Rumors—Grand Reception Party of Mrs. Banks—The Workingmen's National Union League—The State Election—Diversity of Opinions.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1863.

THE FORT JACKSON AFFAIR.

The City of New-Orleans was kept in the utmost state of excitement, from the morning of the 10th to the afternoon of the 11th, with the most extraordinary rumors of a fearful revolt of the whole colored garrison at Fort Jackson. It is impossible for me to give you all the protean shapes which rumor assumed, as it always does upon such occasions, especially among those with whom the will is father to the thought. First we heard that five or six white officers had been killed; then twenty—literally chopped to pieces; then that two or three of our gunboats had been disabled by the "insurgents;" then —— but why follow up all the monstrous falsehoods that the secesh here were industriously circulating, temporarily feeding the disloyal upon false nourishment, and making havoc of the nerves of timid old ladies?

When the farce had gone on far enough, and might have become mischievous if prolonged to the departure of the *Morning Star*, which was expected to leave on Saturday morning—in allowing garbled and exaggerated statements of this petty affair to reach the North,—the *Times* came out on the afternoon of Friday with the few following official words, which had the effect of oil poured upon troubled waters:

"Some excitement occurred at Fort Jackson, on the evening of the 9th instant, in the course of an altercation between one of the officers and some of the men. Fortunately, the disturbance was soon quieted, and order was restored in the garrison without bloodshed."

I am not in possession of all the particulars regarding this unpleasant matter, but I know enough to assure you that it was merely *local*, originating in an officer having struck a colored soldier with a whip; but under what provocation I could not exactly learn. The character which disloyal people here tried to give the event, of organized dissatisfaction and reaction among our colored troops, was absolutely and atrociously false; and, therefore, however much we may lament the scandal that the occurrence may give rise to, and the handle thereby given to our enemies to make things appear as they really are not, there is nothing whatever in this little affair of Fort Jackson to elate Copperheads or cause good loyal men uneasiness. No one will regret this occurrence more than our colored troops themselves, who, when well officered, are unquestionably among the most orderly and subordinate soldiers to be found in the United States service.

MRS. BANKS' RECEPTION PARTY.

A most delightful and brilliant reunion took place, on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the mansion of Maj.-Gen. BANKS. It was a reception party given by Mrs. BANKS, to which all the *élite* of the army and navy were invited, with all the foreign notabilities, and a large sprinkling of the most distinguished citizens among those who honor the old flag, and do not choose to keep themselves sulkily aloof from those who have been frequently called the "Yankee invaders."

Among the distinguished parties present, we noticed the following Staff officers: Brig.-Gens. P. J. Herron, Charles P. Stone, W. H. Emory, W. P. Benton, Jas. W. McMillan, Richard Arnold, A. L. Lee, James Bowen, H. W. Birge, G. F. Shepley, W. Dwight Andrews, and others; Cols. S. B. Holabird, E. G. Beckwith, N. A. M. Dudley, T. W. Cahill, D. J. Kelly, C. W. Killborn, R. B. Brown, A. D. Sargent, J. S. Clark, and others; Lieut.-Col. W. S. Abert; Majs. S. Norman Lieber, D. C. Houston, H. O. Brigham, J. G. Wilson, and a number of others; Capts. J. S. Crosby, J. W. McClure, Shunk, Irving, Roe, Owen, Hill, Morse, Hitchcock, Bulkley, McCoy, and others; Surgeons Alexander, Bacon, Homans, Keefer and Steinberg, &c.

The navy was represented by Commodore Bell, Capts. Morris of the *Port Royal*, Marchand of the *Lackawanna*, Leroy of the *Oneida*, Sartori of the *Portsmouth*, Woolsey of the *Princess Royal*, Johnson of the *Katahdin*, Stanton of the *Pinola*, Dana of the *Cayuga*, Mayo of the *Kanawha*, Murphy of the *Fearnot*, Jordan of the *Hollyhock*, Cooke of the *Estrella*, Giraud of the *Tennessee*, Tibbetts of the *Arizona*, Lieuts. Sumner and Nokes of the *Pensacola*, and a number of others.

Of foreign visitors, we had Commander T. H. M. Martin, Lieuts. Blackett and Balfour of H. M. S. *Buzzard*, Commandant Charles Fabre and Lieuts. Lefort, Huet, Marc, Allier, of the French man-of-war *Catinat*, besides the Consuls of the various nations.

Among distinguished civilians, too numerous to mention, we noticed the Hon. B. F. FLANDERS, Hon. G. S. DENISON, Hon. CUTHBERT BULLITT, B. RUSH PLUMLEY, Judges WHITTAKER, ATOCHA, HIESTAND and PEABODY.

As very many of these gentlemen, both in military and civil life, were accompanied by their wives, sisters and daughters, many of them dressed in the most exquisite taste, you may imagine that the scene presented in the brilliantly lighted rooms and halls, and in the saloon where dancing was going on, was very grand and beautiful.

But amid that bright galaxy of sparkling uniforms and fair Northern beauty, there were two persons who were, necessarily, the focus of attraction, the "observed of all observers." Gen. BANKS had but a few days before returned from Texas, and as he stood by the side of his lady, receiving the greetings of friends, the contrast must have been great indeed between the scene then before him and his lonely tent he had just left upon the barren sands of Brazos.

THE WORKINGMEN'S NATIONAL UNION LEAGUE.

This Association is composed mainly, as its name indicates, of workingmen; and is already taking so active a part as to promise, at no distant date, to entirely revolutionize the social condition of this State.

Apart from the inherent qualities of Slavery, whatever men may choose to think of its divinity or accursedness as regards the black man, there can be no question whatever as to the depressing influence it has ever exerted upon the *white* masses,—reducing the free white men of these Southern States to the condition of feudalism, in which they could not think, speak or act but precisely as their self-appointed lordlings decreed that they should. I have read of men being suddenly struck dumb by some violent concussion of air, but the loud thunder of this war seems to have acted in a directly opposite manner, and given speech to millions who had hitherto been tongue-tied by the resistless influence of Southern despots.

This movement of the workingmen of Louisiana is striking at the very marrow of this question. It is asserting the dignity of labor over the pretensions of capital, so impudently set forth by ALEXANDER H. STEVENS, as the foundation of this whole secession movement; it is giving the world to understand that the people of Louisiana comprehend full well that, however Slavery may be the lever, there is an aim among these arch-conspirators against the country going far beyond the retention of power over the black man—an aim that would never be gratified until all power and influence were centered into the hands of the few, and the vast majority of white men reduced to a condition nothing less than vassalage.

To understand their danger is to half overcome it; and I have no doubt whatever that the movement now going on here among the workingmen will be productive of the most rapid and extraordinary results. It is not here alone that the good work is proceeding. In the country districts, among men who have hitherto never had a thought but what was reflected from the wealthy landlord who overshadowed them, proselytes are actively engaged in expounding the principles of manhood and independence. Men are beginning to stand erect in the presence of their Maker; and the same gun at Sumter which struck off the fetters from millions of black slaves taught millions of white men in the South, for the first time, the monstrous extent to which they have hitherto been trampled down by the self-created oligarchs of Slavery. Let this movement go on but a little longer, and the infernal doctrine of "*Capital must own labor*" will have to be preached in other ears than those of the free workingmen of Louisiana.

THE STATE ELECTION

still causes much discussion, and is really a very difficult question to determine. All true Union men here are, I imagine, agreed upon the point that a State election would be a good thing, and I think they are also agreed that, in any new Constitution which the people may choose to make, nothing less than a Free State one will be adapted to the present condition and future welfare of Louisiana. But there is a vast diversity of opinion, among good loyal men, as to whether or not the fruit is yet ripe for plucking.

Some say that it is; that by administering the oath of allegiance we shall be able to separate the wheat from the chaff, and thus carry a vote in favor of freedom. They say that even admitting that, by necessity, the vote would be a partial one, from the fact of the Federal forces being at present in possession of only a part of the State, the vote would soon follow and indorse any Free-State action, as rapidly as our victorious arms advance.

The others, again, do not take so sanguine a view of matters. As to the oath of allegiance, they consider that that simply amounts to nothing at all. Men will call themselves Unionists, take the oath of allegiance, and, immediately after, throw their ballot in favor of the perpetuation of Slavery. What, they ask, is to prevent them? Before we throw down the gauntlet, had we not better be sure we can whip the men who venture to take it up? Such men say the fruit is not ripe. Let us, for the present, be content with the military Government we have, and it will be time enough to talk of convening for a new Constitution after we have more fully overcome the organized forces of the enemy and hold more complete control over the territory of the State.

I have heard it stated here, by those who should be well-informed, that the urging forward of this important matter comes from a source far higher than Gov. SHEPLEY, and that would seem an earnest of its being speedily put to the test. The same caution, however, which we have been taught to expect from such a quarter will prevent the good work from being spoiled by any rashness or overhaste. No precise time has yet been fixed, and it is only given out that when a sufficient number of loyal votes shall have been registered the election shall take place. A sufficient number is, of course, a term capable of rather wide application, and I have no doubt that, to whatever conclusion he may come, Gov. SHEPLEY will be guided only by what is safest and best for bringing about the result at which all good Union men are aiming—the return of Louisiana into the Union, without a stain of Slavery upon her skirts.

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MEXICO AND THE WEST INDIES.

Interesting from Mexico—Death of Comonfort—Queretaro Occupied by the Franco-Mexican Party—Puebla and Orizaba Threatened by the Liberals—Proclamation of Alvarez.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1863.

By the arrival of the English steamer *Conway* from Vera Cruz, further intelligence has been received in this city from Mexico.

Information had been transmitted to the Regency in Mexico City that COMONFORT had been killed in an engagement with a small detachment of the Franco-Mexican division, under the command of MEJIA.

The official account was sent by Commandant GONSALES AYMIES, in a communication dated Nov. 14, and addressed to Gen. MEJIA, informing the latter that on the above-named day, a mail carrier from Chamacuero, who was carrying the mail-bag to Celaja, having been taken prisoner by him, informed him that COMONFORT was about to pass that way with an escort of 150 horse; that the above-named commandant set out immediately with his forces to meet him, when a running fight took place, from a place called the Mill of Soria, as far as Chamacuero, when the enemy were routed; in returning back to where the engagement began, twenty dead bodies were picked up, among which was that of COMONFORT, together with various documents of interest, including letters of exchnnge to the value of $30,000, payable at Queretaro. It is stated, likewise, but does not appear in the official account transmitted ts the Regency, that among the papers there was JUAREZ' plan of campaign, which was immediately sent to Gen. BAZAINE.

According to another account, COMONFORT'S body was taken up by the adherents of JUAREZ' party, and carried to San Miguel de Allende, where it was made the subject of a *post mortem* examination, and afterward buried with the military honors due to his rank. He was found to have received a wound from a lance in the heart, one or two balls in the right side of the breast, and several sabre cuts about the head.

At San Luis it was at first reported that he had been taken prisoner, "which," says a letter from there, "not every body was sorry for." Other letters from the same place state as a fact, that COMONFORT had with him titles of exchange to the value of $100,000 for JUAREZ army, and that on hearing of his being taken prisoner, the Government tried to make the drawer return the money, which, says the account, he naturally refused to do. Col. DURAN, formerly Mexican Consul in New-York, and a great *protégé* of ROBLES, was believed killed at the same time. He was a Colonel of engineers, and planned the fortifications of the Capital during the last residence of JUAREZ there. As soon as the news was circulated at San Luis, that COMONFORT had been taken prisoner, NEGRETE was appointed to the office of Minister at War, and URUGA to that of Commander-in-chief.

NEGRETE'S division which consisted, by the Franco-Mexican papers, of 600 men, on arriving at San Luis in a very bad condition, had been increased to 1,000 and were at San Francisco, where they were kept shut up and guarded, by the same accounts, that they might not desert.

JUAREZ' family had left for Saltillo, and on the 16th ult. were at a place called Bocas, about 13 leagues beyond San Luis. Besides his family and DOBLADO'S, those of Generals VALLE and the late ZARAGOZA were also about to leave San Luis.

Several families of the Liberal party had arrived at San Luis from Queretaro.

According to the Franco-Mexican papers, disorder, it was feared, would take place when JUAREZ' government left the inhabitants of San Luis, not concealing the least their sympathy for the intervention and the Empire.

The adherents of JUAREZ say, that in their system of carrying on the war, it was never intended to defend the cities.

The consent of Prince MAXIMILIAN to accept the throne was published officially in the Capital on the 17th ult. In consequence there was a great illumination all over the city the same night, and according to the accounts given by the papers of Mexico City great public rejoicing.

MEJIA notifies his occupation of Queretaro in an official communication to the Regency dated Nov. 19. There was no opposition, the liberal troops having evacuated the place and retired to Celaya.

Gen. BAZAINE made a public entry into Toluca on the 16th ult., and left on the 20th; it was expected that he would be at Guanujuato by the 30th of the same month.

URAGA according to accounts dated Nov. 21, was at Maravatio, fourteen leagues from the point where was stationed the advanced guard of Gen. BAZAINE'S forces.

Gen. DOAIL, a part of whose forces under Col. MARGUERITTE, supported MEJIA in the advance on Queretaro, and by whose order MEJIA occupied that city, was to leave there at the last accounts for Celaya, whilst MEJIA was to march directly to San Luis.

MIRAMON left Mexico City on the 20th ult., with more than 200 officers, to form the central division, with which he was to go on to Durango.

According to accounts from Morelia, dated the 16th ult., taken from the Franco-Mexican papers, the town was full of alarm and anxiety, the movements of the Franco-Mexican army were watched with the greatest interest, and the friends to the intervention were daily increasing. BERRIOZABAL was at Maravatio with about 3,500 men, infantry and cavalry, including those that had lately arrived from Celaya. In Morelia, by the same accounts, there was no force remaining.

Some of the papers, friendly to the intervention, give it as a fact that VIDANNI, the Governor and military commander of New-Leon and Coahuila for JUAREZ, had gone over to that other party. Such does not appear as yet to be the case, although others say that he is only waiting a suitable opportunity to do so.

DOBLADO has issued an address, full of energy and fire, urging the inhabitants of the State of Guanajuato to resist the invaders. The *Cronista*, of Mexico City, had stated, in its issue of the 24th ult., that Guanajuato would be occupied the following day by the Franco-Mexican troops; but the *Sociedad*, another paper of the Mexican capital, doubted that such could be the case. "Between Queretaro and Guanajuato," says the last-named journal, "there is no small distance, which we do not yet know whether the allied forces have passed over, besides towns of more or less importance whose successive occupation we ought to have news of before we can hear of the occupation of Guanajuato."

Some alarm had been excited in Puebla by the report that PORFIER DIAZ was going to encamp with his forces at Tepuacan, with the intention of attacking Rizaba and Puebla, the *Boletin Oficial* of that city, urges the timid to tranquilize themselves on that point.

An Indian war against the French and their supporters, is very likely to occur. ALVAREZ, who has hitherto kept quiet, has issued an address to the Indians of the South, urging them to make war upon the French who are going to destroy the privileges of the Caciques.

Letters have been received in Mexico City from Monterey, talking of the approaching arrival of a representative of the Confederate States to the Government of the Empire. As this is only a newspaper report it has nothing to assure its veracity.

The Archbishop of Mexico had withdrawn from the Regency, not agreeing with his colleagues as to the line of policy to be adopted toward the clergy whose property had been formerly confiscated, and which the Archbishop wented to be returned to them.

ALMONTE'S wife and family, escorted by a squadron of the Imperial Guard, left Vera Cruz for the Capital on the 30th of last month.

The guerrillas are still at work. An English subject (Mr. WILLIAM RABLING) was taken prisoner by a guerrilla party, while traveling in the diligence of Pachuca. They demand a large ransom for his liberty.

Gen. SANTA ANNA is reported to be disposed to join the Interventiou, at least so say the friends of that party.

The Franco-Mexican paper *Sociedad* says that JUAREZ' Government have determined to retire to Durango from San Luis. It was intended on the approach of the French, to retire to Monterey, but to this VIDAURRI, the Governor and Military Commander of New-Leon and Coahuila, objected. The above paper boasts that he is about to join the Inlervention,

HAVANA.

The weather last week was, for this island, very cold and excessively tempestuous, with storms of rain and wind. On the evening of the 9th inst., shortly after sunset, an English hermaphrodite brig, the *Mary*, from St. John's New-Brunswick, with a cargo of lumber, was wrecked at the mouth of the harbor. The crew and part of the cargo was saved.

The Tacon theatre was the scene of much disorder last Tuesday night, the 8th inst., which was kept as a holiday, being the anniversary of the patron Saint of Spain. The cause assigned was the discontent of the spectators at the performance, which did not correspond with the announcement given in the bills. The result was that the performances were suspended by order of the police, but not before considerable damage had been done to the theatre by the mob, who smashed to pieces the chairs and sofas, broke the chandelier, and had a fight with the policemen. The theatre was at last closed after it had been only for about an hour, but the money which had been paid on entrance was not returned to the spectators, this has been ordered to be paid over to the charitable institution called the *Casa de Beneficencia*, and must have amounted to a considerable sum, for the theatre, which is very large, was quite full, and the price of admission was inordinately high. The bondsman of the *empressario* who got up the affair has also bee fined by the authorities for the non-fulfillment of what had been promised, and some of the more violent of the speculators were taken into custody, and locked up in the Panta Fortress.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE N. Y. TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 20.

GEN. M'CLELLAN'S REPORT.

In compliance with a resolution of the House, the Secretary of War will communicate to-morrow the report of Gen. M'CLELLAN. It will make about two hundred pages foolscap. The accompanying documents are very voluminous. All will be immediately sent to the public printer.

THE RESULTS OF A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

The following Senators and members compose the Committee appointed by the Democratic caucus to confer with the National Democratic Committee to fix the time and place for holding the National Convention: J. C. Allen, Illinois; Fernando Wood, New-York; G. B. Steele, New-Jersey; Wm. H. Miller, Pennsylvania; D. Marcy, New-Hampshire; Garritt Davis, Kentucky; Senator Hendricks, Indiana.

The following were appointed to arrange the order of business for the Democratic members who are to report to the caucus on Monday next: Dawson, of Pennsylvania; Brooks, of New-York; Pendleton, of Ohio; Mallory, of Kentucky, and Robinson, of Illinois.

THE COMMUTATION CLAUSE.

Since the Senate Committee has indicated its purpose to repeal the $300 exemption clause, enlistments have substantially ceased all over the country. The Governors of many States have, in letters to leading Senators, protested against the repeal, as sure to run up the price of substitutes to at least $1,000. The probabilities to-day are that the exemption will be increased by the Senate Committee to $500.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH.

In the Department of the South, Dec. 5, 1863, Surgeon HORACE R. WIRTZ, U. S. A., is relieved from duty. EBENEZER SWIFT, U. S. A., is announced as Medical Director of the Department.

SPEAKER COLFAX'S RECEPTIONS.

Speaker COLFAX has rented house No. 8, on Four-and-a-half-street, known as the Clark Mills house, and on and after the second Friday of January he will commence his receptions of both Houses of Congress, and all his friends, every Friday evening during the session.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Senators to compose the Special Committee on Pacific Railroad are: Howard, of Michigan; Collamer, of Vermont; Trumbull, of Illinois; Sherman, of Ohio; Harlan, of Iowa; Morgan, of New-York; Conness, of California; Johnson, of Maryland.

THE CHESAPEAKE PIRACY.

The Government will dispatch a messenger to Halifax to-morrow, with instructions to our Consul there. The action of the British authorities, in protecting the pirates of the *Chesapeake*, has caused much comment in diplomatic circles.

DISPATCHES TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 20.

THE ENROLLMENT ACT.

It is understood that the majority of the Committee on Military Affairs in the House are opposed to repealing the commutation clause in the Enrollment Act, as reported from the Senate Committee. Senator WILSON speaks of his intention to offer an amendment, authorizing enlistments in the rebel States, to be credited to the quotas of the loyal States, the officers from which procure the new recruits, whether white or black.

Members of Congress are receiving large numbers of letters, containing suggestions and opinions relative to the proposed changes in the Enrollment Act.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO SPEAKER COLFAX.

Thirty gentlemen were present at the complimentary dinner to Speaker COLFAX, last night. They were connected with the prominent journals of the country, and were of various political opinions. It was a pleasant and harmonious gathering. SAMUEL WILKESON, Esq., presided, and at the conclusion of his remarks proposed a sentiment which elicited from Speaker COLFAX a brief, appropriate, eloquent, and patiotic speech, in which he said the House of Representatives had chosen newspaper men for Speaker, Clerk, and Postmaster—a good share for the profession—and that in the Senate it was nearly the same way, the Vice-President, Secretary FORNEY and Sergeant-at-Arms BROWN coming in for the highest elective honors. He concluded by offering the sentiment: "The American Press—If inspired by patriotism, morality and humanity, it cannot fail to develop constantly increasing power and vigor, and consequent independence." Representatives BROOKS and BALDWIN, Senator ANTHONY, Superintendent of Public Printing DEFREES, and Clerk of the House MCPHERSON afforded much pleasure to the company by their responses to the calls upon them.

NEW NATIONAL BANKS.

The necessary papers have been issued from the Treasury Department for the establishment of a National Bank at New-Orleans, with a capital of half a million, under the National Currency Act. Also, for a third bank at St. Louis with a capital of over one million, with the privilege and prospect of increasing it to five millions of dollars.

The First National Bank of this city will commence to-morrow with the issue of notes recently prepared by the Treasury Department for circulation by such institutions.

THE FIVE-TWENTY LOAN.

Only eighty millions of the five hundred millions of the "five-twenty" loan remain unsubscribed.

THE BLACK REGIMENTS.

Of 1,051 applicants for commissions in negro regiments 560 have been recommended by the Board for appointment, viz.: for Colonels, 5; Lieutenant-Colonels, 10; Majors, 25; Captains, 104; First Lieutenants, 153; Second Lieutenants, 263.

ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN VIRGINIA.

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia at Alexandria, agreed last night on a bill calling a Convention for abolishing Slavery in that State, which will be passed to-morrow.

FUNERAL OF GEN. BUFORD.

The funeral of Maj.-Gen. BUFORD took place this afternoon, and was largely attended. Eight Major-Generals acted as pall-bearers. President LINCOLN attended the services. The escort consisted of Battery L, Fifth United States Artillery, a company of cavalry and the Sixth regiment of the Invalid Corps. The bells were tolled and flags were at half-mast.

PETROLEUM VS. COAL.

The report of the Commission appointed by the Navy Department, consisting of three Chief-Engineers, who have made careful experiments for five months, showing the practicability of using petroleum or hydro-carbon oils for the purpose of generating steam, has been issued, and proves satisfactorily, it is said by those who have seen it, that the results show a great saving, not only for merchant steamers, but that a naval steamer can keep the sea under steam three times as long, with less labor and greater economy, as compared with coals, equal weights of each being considered; thus indicating a complete revolution in the mode of generating steam.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Congress—Feeling in France—English Policy—Mr. Beecher in the Times—Another Confederate Steamer Escaped—The Vanderbilt—Irish Rats Going to America—Why English Laborers do not go—Sensation War News—Resultless Battles—English Literature and Amusements.

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 5, 1863.

Like a boy that has lighted a slow match to an unknown quantity of gunpowder, and is waiting in terrified expectancy for it to go off, Earl RUSSELL awaits the result of the snubbing he has just given the Emperor. It is not easy to say what may come of it. Nothing indicates an immediate explosion. It It may be that the Emperor means war in the Spring, and only threw out the proposition of a Congress to amuse the world while he completed his preparations. If so, it answers a double object. It binds to him those who accept it; it throws the responsibility of whatever may happen on those who reject it. The Emperor says: "I made a move for peace; I proposed a Congress to settle everything. You, England and Austria, rejected and defeated my plan. Now take the consequences; I wash my hands of them."

Some of the ablest writers in France are engaged in denouncing the selfish isolation of England—England that wraps herself in her selfishness as she is wrapped up by the surrounding sea. But England has chosen her course, and the very papers that most earnestly denounce Earl RUSSELL'S refusal to enter the Congress are still constrained to approve the policy of this refusal. England, like her well-to-do citizens, wishes to build a high wall around her domain, cover it with broken glass, put up a sign, "Beware of man-traps and spring guns, and look out for the dog,"—to take care of herself, and let the rest of the world get on as it may. John Bull's policy is like the comprehensive prayer, "God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more, Amen!" What does he care for the pacification of Europe? As much as for the war in America.

The *Times* publishes an extended report of Mr. BEECHER'S reception in Brooklyn. His account of English feeling is generally a very correct one. Some of the papers sneer at what he said of the feeling of the Queen, but it is likely to be true. Earl RUSSELL and the Abolition party are more in her personal confidence than any others. Great numbers of the powerless masses, especially the dissenting congregations, who follow BAPTIST NOEL and Mr. SPURGEON, are also favorable to the North. As to the nobility and higher classes, there is no question about their sympathies. Those who go with the North, and hope for Federal success, could be packed into a very moderate space. The press is a sufficient indication of opinion, and that opinion or feeling, I believe, I have never misrepresented.

And it is of no consequence, because it does not ultimate itself in action. Whatever cause the American Government may have had to complain, in the past, it cannot now be said that the English Cabinet is disposed to give aid to the Confederates. They seized the *Alexandra* and the rams of Messrs. LAIRD, and are watching the *Pampero*. They allowed the *Rearsage* to recruit its crew at Cork, shipping, it is said, two or three hundred English and Irish sailors. But there are some accidents that the best disposed Government cannot always guard against. Are not many cargoes of goods sent from New-York to run the blockade? The British Government had occasion, a short time ago, to sell three or four war steamers on account of some defect in the machinery. These were bought, perhaps on speculation, perhaps directly by Confederate agents. The Government was warned, and ordered the one chiefly suspected to be seized. Too late. She got off into the channel, hoisted the Confederate flag, was boarded by her officers, who were waiting on the French coast, and, as the *Rappahannock*, Confederate war steamer, ran into Calais to finish her repairs. The English Government cannot bring her back, for she has gone out of its jurisdiction. The French Government will afford her the same facilities it has given the *Florida*, *Georgia*, &c. There is no help for it but to watch her well, and take her when she comes out—an operation our cruisers have not been very lucky, so far, in accomplishing.

The leading daily compares the continual emigration from Ireland to America to a horde of rats running along the hawser from an empty ship to a full one in the West India docks. They have scented the inviting cargo—they have heard of a country of plenty and high wages, with land and independence in the future, and the hawser is the £5 note that will take them safe over. No wonder they go. By every principle of political economy they ought to go. But there is a higher principle involved. The English laboring population have been divorced from the soil so long, it is so long since they lost the hope of hiring, not to say owning, a foot of land that they are content, in a stupid grumbling way, with the lot of mere laborers, getting just wages enough to live on in the poorest way, with occasional out-door relief from the parish, and the poor-house for a refuge when they can work no longer. This is the condition of some ten millions of Englishmen. More than one million are paupers, and three or four millions are always hovering on the verge of pauperism, worse housed and worse fed than the cattle and hogs of their employers. Even the cottagers of the Prince of Wales live in such a way as to disgust him at the sight of the miserable habitations, while his stables, of brick, slate, iron and marble, and replete with every convenience, are palaces that would strike them with awe and amazement.

The Irish leave Ireland and go to America because they will not descend to the condition of English laborers. They scorn the slavery that in England is hereditary and habitual. The English laborer is born such, and such he lives and dies. He has no hope beyond. His heaven is a Christmas dinner or harvest home once a year, with plenty of beef and beer. The Irishman had rather starve on his half-acre of potatoes, with a pig or two to pay the rent; and, failing these, he goes where glory waits him, beyond the blue waters of the Atlantic—where, if he lives and behaves himself, he is certain of independence, and where his children are almost sure to prosper.

The war news from America comes along, week by week, like the chapters of a sensation novel, always leaving off in a good place to keep up the suspense and excitement. Always MEADE is pursuing LEE, or LEE MEADE, and Sumter is just going to be taken and Charleston burnt, and THOMAS driven out of Chattanooga, or BRAGG driven back on Atlanta, or BURNSIDE invested in Knoxville, or PARSON BROWNLOW driven from East Tennessee. Something is always just going to happen. Sometimes a tremendous battle is going on when the last telegram reaches the steamer, and we must wait for days to know which side has gained the victory, though it is generally a drawn battle that decides nothing but the fate of the killed and wounded. It is complained of the Southern Generals that they have never been able to reap the fruits of victory. The same may be said of the Northern Generals. The armies that were repulsed at Corinth, Antietam, and Gettysburgh, marched quietly away with scarcely any losses but those of the battle-field; and the same may be said of every Southern success, from Bull Run to Chickamauga. But the time must come when some General on one side or the other, will learn to turn a defeat into a rout, and a rout into a terrible and perhaps irremediable disaster; to convert a success into a decisive and crowning victory. Merely to repulse an attack; merely to drive an enemy from a battle-field, is not the way to end a war. But I am on the wrong side of the Atlantic for criticism, and while I write the work may have been accomplished.

How we wait for what may happen in America or Europe? We read dreary reports and contradictions about the Poles, and bothering discussions about Schleswig-Holstein. Earl ELGIN is supposed to be dead or dying in India, which is not a healthy place for imperial Governor's General. Major GORDON is capturing untelegraphable places in China. Japan prefers for war, and we are getting ready for Christmas. London goes to see Miss Bateman's *Leah*, and to hear Sivori at JULLIEN'S Concerts. DICKENS and THACKERAY begin new stories with the New Year, which you will have, of course, without waiting, and Miss BRADDON, queen of the strong-minded sensationalists, drives on three or four spans of heroes and heroines at a time, following up and making the most of her rapid and remarkable success. If reports are half true, she has made a large fortune already; in any case she has set hundreds of pens going, with the hope of winning a similar success, to the infinite disgust and weariness of the booksellers' critical readers on whom tumble manuscript-novels by the cart-load.

In the theatrical world it is hard to say what draws best. As a rule, whatever is good in its way is sure to succeed in London, with any kind of a chance. Who would have predicted that Lord BYRON'S "Manfred"—I must give the title to the noble poet, because there is another BYRON here just now, who also writes verses and may have written a "*Man Fred*," for ought I know—that the sublime, but, as he believed, unactable tragedy would have filled Drury Lane a whole season? But it has, with good scenery, music and declamation. Miss BATEMAN was unknown, and for a night or two scarcely succeeded, but she has made a great success. A French-English piece, by TOM TAYLOR, bids fair to run the year out. FECHTER and his first lieutenant JOHN BROUGHAM have only to open their doors and all London flows into them. BOUCICAULT has written a new comedy, "How She Loves Him," in which he and the pretty little ADAMS are playing in Liverpool. He does not come to London since his moral and pecuniary defalcations. He ought to come and play *Dazzle* and *Sir Harcourt* maintenance nights in his own "London Assurance." By the way, the bereaved JORDAN walked into Court the other day—by counsel—and concluded to accept ten guineas compensation for being taken to the station-house when he was lying in wait for Mr. BOUCICAULT, at his wife's lodgings. I wonder why these actors do not put some of their improvised comedies and farces on the stage instead of into the Law Courts.

If *Blackwood* is still reprinted in New-York, you must have some pleasant reading, in its last article in the November number, for example, in which it comes down with all its ancient vigor and vituperation upon those who are mealy-mouthed about America. Tory malignity, and the scorn of the British aristocracy for Federal America has not often found a purer public expression, than in that bitter article. It is the present fashion of English writers and speakers to draw everything remarkably mild, and give even their hatreds soft expression; but now and then they "break out" like the female convicts and the writer in *Blackwood*, and spatter their pages with contempt and rage.

MONADNOCK.

MOVEMENTS OF GEN. BURNSIDE.

His Arrival in New-York—Reception at Cincinnati.

Yesterday, at twelve o'clock, Major-Gen. BURNSIDE and lady arrived in New-York from East Tennessee. They came by way of Cleveland, Ohio, and on their arrival in the City proceeded to the Fifth-avenue Hotel, where they took apartments. When it was known that the late hero of Knoxville had arrived, many persons of distinction made inquiries respecting his health, and sought an interview with the gallant officer; but after the fatigues of a lengthened journey he declined to see any one until to-day. He will remain for a week, and then proceed to Washington, where he has been ordered to report. As yet the object of his visit to the Capital is not known. He appears in excellent health. Last evening the General granted a short and very agreeable interview to the representatives of the press who called upon him.

RECEPTION AT CINCINNATI.

Gen. BURNSIDE was warmly received at Cincinnati, and just before he left, on Friday evening, he was serenaded, and in acknowledgment of the compliment, said:

MY FRIENDS: I can only thank you for the very kind manner in which you have welcomed me. I am not gifted with the power of speaking to an audience like this. But, gentlemen, though I am unable to fully express myself as I truly feel in respect to the great events that are transpiring, allow me to assure you that no one can feel more thankful than I do to the loyal people of the country for their devotion to the great cause in which we are struggling.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....DEC. 19, 1863.

$5,000	U. S. 6s, '81, Reg.	105	
5,000	do	104⅞	
10,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, Co	101⅛	
5,000	U. S. 5s, '65, Co	124⅞	
5,000	do	125	
40,000	Tenn. St. 6s, '90	59⅛	
40,000	do	s60	59
4,000	Ill. Cou. 6s, '76	103	
8,000	N. C. State 6s	53	
1,000	do	54	
6,000	Mo. St. 6s	66⅜	
2,000	do	66⅜	
10,000	do	b30	66⅜
10,000	do	s30	66⅛
4,000	Cal. State 7s	125	
10,500	Virginia State 6s	49	
1,000	City 6s, '76	107	
2,500	City 6s, '67	102	
10,000	Erie 4th M. B	107	
1,000	Har. R. 1st M	109	
1,000	Har. R. 3d M	101	
500	M. C. 8s Co. 1st M. Sk. Fd. B	122	
1,000	do	122⅛	
2,000	Mich. So. S. F. B	108	
1,500	Mich. So. 2d M	104½	
5,000	A. & T. H. I. B	b10	83
5,000	C. & N. W. 1st M	93⅛	
5,000	do	93¾	
5,000	C. & N. W. 2d M	76⅛	
10,000	do	76¼	
1,000	Gal. & C. 1st M	115	
10,800	P., Ft. W. & C. 2d	83¾	
4,000	P., Ft. W. & C. 1st	108	
5,000	Miss. & Mo. L. G.	60	
10	Mer. Ex. Bank	100	
10	Metropolitan Bank	115	
50	Park Bank	151⅝	
70,000	Amer. Gold	151⅝	
41,750	do	151⅜	
100	Canton Co	34	
100	Cumb. Coal Pref	45	
700	do	44⅜	
400	do	44⅜	
100	do	s10	44
200	do	b30	45
100	do	s30	44⅜
65	Del. & H. Ca. Co	170	
700	Am. Coal Co	94	
200	Mar. Min. Co	36	
200	do	33⅜	
100	do	b30	33⅜
400	do	33	
200	Quick. Min. Co	62	
200	do	62⅜	
200	do	b30	63
25	Min Mining Co	65	
400	Pacific Mail	215	
200	do	b30	214
150	do	b10	213
300	N. Y. Cen. R.	s30	134
10	do		134⅜
50	do		134⅝
100	do	s10	134
200	Erie R.		108⅜
2400	do		108⅝
1000	do		108⅜
1000	do	b10	108⅜
500	do	b10	108⅜
50	do	s10	108⅜
400	do	s10	108⅜
200	do	b30	108⅜
400	Erie Railroad Pr		103
200	do		103⅛
100	do		103⅜
100	do	b30	103⅜
19	Hud. R. R.		127
700	do		126⅞
200	do		126⅝
50	do		126
100	do	b30	127
1000	Harlem R.	b30	92⅝
100	do		91⅜
200	do		91⅜
50	Wyom. V. Coal		94⅜

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000	Am. Gold	152	
500	do		151⅞
10	Canton Co	b30	34
100	Cum. Coal Pref	s30	44
450	do		44⅜
100	do	s60	43⅜
300	Quicks. M. Co		61⅜
100	do	b30	62
200	N. Y. Cen. R		133⅜
1800	Erie R		107⅜
200	do	s30	107⅝
100	do	b30	108
100	do	s10	107⅞
50	do	s10	108
500	do	s10	107⅜
100	Mil. & Pr. Du C. R.	b30	57
200	Hudson R. R.	b15	125
500	do		125
700	Reading R. R.		114
100	do		114⅜
500	do	b30	114⅜
300	Mich. Cen. R. ex-div		121⅛
400	do		121⅜

PUBLIC BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000	Am. Gold	151⅜	
250	New-York Cen.	b3	133⅜
400	do		133⅞
300	Erie Railway		107⅜
600	do	s3	107⅜
1900	do	b3	107⅜
700	do		107⅝
100	do	s3	107⅜
100	Erie R. Pr		103
200	do	b3	103⅛
300	Hudson R. R.	b30	126⅜
100	do		c 125⅞
300	Reading R. ex-div	b3	114⅜
200	do		114⅝
50	Mich. Cen. R.		128
200	do		128⅛
100	M. S. & N. I.		c 83⅜
50	do		83⅜
150	Ill. Central		117⅜
100	Quicks'r M. Co		62
300	Quartz Il. M. Co		11⅝

PUBLIC BOARD—3½ P. M.

2900	Erie Railroad		107⅜
1500	do	s3	107⅜
500	do	s10	107⅜
100	Hud. River R	s30	125
200	Reading R. ex-div		114⅜
100	M. S. & N. I		83⅜
100	do	s30	83⅜
100	do	b10	83⅜
200	Ill. Cen. R		128⅜
100	Cleve. & P. R		107⅜
100	do	s10	107⅛
200	Gal. & Chi. R	s3	107⅜
600	do		107⅜
200	Clev. & Pitts		107⅛

MONDAY, Dec. 21—A. M.

There was an active Import trade the past week, the entries of Dry Goods and General Foreign Merchandise being four and a quarter millions. The Export clearances of Domestic Produce and of Specie together are four and a half millions, but in this total the exports of Produce are valued as in Currency. In the Money Market there is an enhanced sum of Legal Tender, both at Bank and in the Treasury Office. The supply at 7 ₩ cent. at call and on good paper is easier, though there seems no immediate prospect of a lower rate of interest. The minimum at the Bank of England being now 1 ₩ cent. higher than our rate, and the maximum on long date paper in London 2½ ₩ cent. higher, there ought, perhaps, to be no disposition among our lenders to reduce their terms, while this state of things on the other side tends to draw out Gold even in advance of the ordinary demands of the Foreign trade.

The causes of the sudden large advance of interest at the Bank of England are said, both in private letters and in the London papers, to be ascribed to the speculations going on in the Cotton trade, both in the stock now in Liverpool and in orders sent out to Egypt and the further East for new importations. It is somewhat remarkable that nearly all the authorities add that Money is not scarce either in London or Paris, in ordinary trade and finance. This sounds very strange in view of the following from the London *Shipping Gazette*, on the condition of the Bank:

"The Bank of England returns for the week ended Wednesday last are very unfavorable, and such as to fully justify, under existing circumstances, the Directors adopting the very restrictive policy of raising the rate 1 ₩ cent. in two consecutive days—a measure, of course, of rare and exceptional occurrence. The pressure upon the Bank is shown to have been extremely severe, and it is a great and distinctive feature that, of the heavy amount taken out, scarcely any has gone into the Bank again, thereby showing that the money was absolutely wanted for immediate purposes. The Bullion shows a diminution of £319,857, reducing the total stock to £13,048,475; while the Reserve of Notes gives a decrease of £762,270, making the amount in hand only £6,061,765. It is to this latter item that attention must, and undoubtedly will, be now chiefly directed for some time to come, as an index of the position and power of the Bank to meet the heavy pressure upon it. But to the item of the stock of bullion, also, will considerable interest be attached. The Other Securities held by the Bank, being bills discounted, loans or advances on stock, have risen to £21,173,559, being an increase of no less than £1,150,673. Of this large sum only £122,134 has gone to the credit of the Other, or Private Deposits, while the Public, or Government Deposits, have only increased £194,360. Notwithstanding the very heavy drain upon the Bank, it has not deemed it necessary to sell any portion of its Government Securities for the purpose of thereby calling in its notes. The notes issued show a decrease of £244,855, arising from the reduction in the stock of bullion; whilst the active circulation, or notes employed and in the hands of the people, exhibit an augmentation of £517,415. Since this return was made up there has been a further withdrawal of gold to the extent of £165,000,"

In our last weekly review we stated the unsubscribed balance of the Five Hundred Million Popular Loan at $88,000,000, and suggested that the Treasury would soon again be enabled to command an average of $2,000,000 per day from this source. This average was realized at the close of last week, including the subscriptions paid in at other offices of the Treasury than New-York. The unsubscribed balance is now probably below $80,000,000. In addition to the new subscriptions last week, to await the delivery of the Bonds, active sales of the Bonds of the previous date, particularly of the even coupons from November first, were made by the various Sub-Agents and other Money Brokers in Wall-street.

The renewed speculation in the Railways on the Stock Exchange, foreshadowed by the upward movement in two or three descriptions as early as Saturday week, has carried up prices on nearly all the New-York and Western Roads, and on Reading and the Miscellaneous Coal Shares. The market has been generally excited since Monday last, but with various ups and downs in prices, the highest points being made on Thursday and Friday, while on Saturday the course of speculation was feverish and the sales, in most instances, lower. The Government Stocks are firm, and Gold 2 ₩ cent. higher than on Saturday week, mainly on the English Money news.

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

	Fri.	Sat.		Fri.	Sat.
Gold Coin	152	152	Mich. Central	128	121⅜xd
U. S. 6s, 1881	110	110	Mich. Southern	85¾	83¾
N. Y. Central	134⅜	133⅜	Mich. Guarant'd	137	134
Erie	108⅜	107⅝	Illinois Cen	119⅛	117⅜
Erie Preferred	102⅜	102⅜	Pittsburgh	108⅜	107⅛
Hudson	127⅜	125⅜	Fort Wayne	85⅛	83⅜
Pacific Mail	214	215	Rock Island	118¼	116⅜
Harlem	91⅜	90	Galena	108½	107¾
Canton	35	34	Reading	115¾	114⅜
Treas. Cer., new	98⅜	98⅜	Quicksilver	62⅜	61
Toledo	119	118⅜	Cum'land Coal	45¾	44
Northwest	48⅜	48	Mariposa	36	35

The following bids were made on Saturday for the City Bank Shares. The North River Bank, half yearly, for January, is 3½ ₩ cent; the Mechanics', 4 ₩ cent., the Manufacturers' and Merchants', 4, and the Seventh Ward, 5 ₩ cent.:

New-York	120	Bank of N. America	107
Manhattan	140	Hanover	98⅜
Merchants'	100	Metropolitan	115
Butchers & Drovers'	125	Corn Exchange	107
National	104	Continental	101
Merchants' Exch	100	St. Nicholas	101
Seventh Ward	135	Commonwealth	101
State of New-York	102	Atlantic	101
Commerce	106	Importers' & Traders'	109½
Am. Exchange	107	Park	135
Chatham	100	Manufac. & Mer	102
Bank of the Republic	102	New-York Exchange	120

The following bids were made for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s	106	Michigan S. & N. I. S. F.	108
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Real Est.	101	Illinois Cen., '75	118¾
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub	101	Al. & T. H. 2d pref	90
N. Y. Cen. 7s '64	100	Al. & T. H. 2ds, inc	82½
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	118	Chi. & N. W. S. F	104
N. Y. Cen. Con. 7s, '76	135	Chi. & N. W. firsts	93
Erie firsts, '58	107	Chi. & N. W. 2ds	75¾
Erie seconds, '79	113	Tol. & Wab. 1sts	100
Erie thirds, '83	111	Tol. & Wab. seconds	87½
Erie fourths, '80	107	M. & P. du Ch., firsts	107
Erie fifths, '88	104⅜	Gal. & Chi. Ex	113
Buff., N. Y. & E. 1sts, '77	103⅜	Gal. & Chi. 2ds	108
Hud. R. 1sts, '69	112	Clev. & Tol. S. F	113¼
Hudson R. bds	103	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 1sts	107¾
Harlem, 1sts '69 & '73	108	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 2ds	103½
Har. seconds, '64	100¾	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 3ds	87½
Har. 3ds, '68	100¾	Clev. & Pitts. 4ths	84¼
Mich. C. New 1sts, '82	122½	Miss. & Mo. L. G	60
Chi. B. & Q	122¾	Chi. & Alton, income	90

The Import entries of the past week amount to $4,259,725 against $2,500,292 same week last season. The Export clearances of Domestic Produce amount to $2,903,444 against $3,935,353 same week in 1862. The Export of Specie is $1,466,000 against $1,001,000 same week last year. The Customs for the week are $1,164,000.

The Foreign Trade tables for the port of New-York, for eleven months of the calendar year, were published some days ago. They make the Import entries of Foreign Merchandise—exclusive of $1,303,000 in Foreign Specie—

From Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1863	$169,421,000
Add three weeks in December	11,552,437
Total to date	$180,973,437
Against same time 1862	167,582,021
Increased Importation	$13,391,416

The same tables make the Export clearances of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, including Foreign articles re-exported, from

Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1863	$157,361,000
Add three weeks in December	10,312,967
Total to date	$167,673,967
Against same time 1862	152,855,775
Increased Export	$14,818,192

The same tables make the Export of Gold and Silver from

Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1863	$44,495,000
Add three weeks in December	4,646,000
Total to date	$49,141,000
Against same time 1862	60,107,000
Decreased Specie Export	$10,966,000

The receipts at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States on Saturday, were: Total receipts, $2,261,448 13, including for Customs, $177,000; payments, $1,779,969 52; balance, $25,608,795, against $20,192,015 at the close of the previous week.

The January Coupons of the Central Pacific Railway Company of California are advertised to be paid in Gold by Messrs. EUGENE KELLY & Co., No. 36 Wall-street.

The President—Mr. JAMES ROBB—of the Chicago and Alton Road, now in the West, writes to a stockholder in this City, under date of 10th inst.:

"The net earnings of the Road, over and above interest on Debts and Deposits for Sinking Fund, on Bonds from July 1 to Jan. 1, will exceed 4½ ₩ cent. on the Share Capital.

The Marietta and Cincinnati Company earned:

Second week in Dec., 1863	$16,887
Same week 1862	11,736
Increase	$4,149

The public Mining and Manufacturing Stock Exchange Board will hold its first regular session at No. 52 William-street, on Monday, Dec. 21, commencing at 10½ A. M. For full particulars see prospectus.

Earnings of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad Company for the week ending Dec. 15:

	1863.	1862.	Increase.
Freight	$25,663 28	$40,802 20	$15,138 92
Passengers	8,221 34	9,923 94	3,702 60
Mails, &c	1,250 00	1,300 00	50 00
Total	$33,134 62	$52,026 14	$18,891 52

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Dec. 19, 1863—6 P. M.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been: 98 bbls. Ashes, 8,456 bbls. Flour, 430 bbls. and 1,016 bags Corn Meal, 53 bags Buckwheat Flour, 100 bushels Wheat, 1,482 bushels Corn, 67 bushels Barley, 9,608 bushels Oats, 3,440 bushels Malt, 2,201 pkgs. Provisions, and 1,508 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Sales 25 bbls., including Pots at $8 50, and Pearls at $9 75 ₩ 100 lbs. Stock, to-day, 149 bbls., including 133 bbls. Pots, and 16 bbls. Pearls.

COFFEE—Is generally quiet, at full prices; Java, at 40c.@41c.; Ceylon, 34c.; Rio, 32½c.@35c., with sales of 2,800 bags; Laguayra, 33c.@35c.; Maracaibo, 33½c.@35c.; St. Domingo, 30c.@30½c. ₩ lb.

COTTON—Is inactive at former prices; Middlings at 81c. ₩ lb. Sales and resales, since our last, 1,400 bales.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been in fair demand to-day, especially shipping brands of State, which have advanced slightly, other kinds being quoted about the same as in our last. The demand has been in part speculative. Sales since our last, 14,900 bbls., including Superfine State and Western, at $6 15@$6 35; poor to choice extra State, at $6 50@$7, chiefly at $6 55@$6 65; round-hoop extra Ohio, shipping brands, at $7 50@$7 60 ₩ bbl. Superfine State and Western.....$6 15 @$6 35
Extra State.....6 50 @ 7 00
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.....7 10 @ 9 25
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g br'ds.....7 50 @ 7 60
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands.....7 65 @ 9 25
Extra Genesee.....6 95 @ 9 25

Poor to very choice extra Missouri.....7 50 @11 50

Southern Flour is unchanged to-day; sales since our last, 1,200 bbls., at $7 55@$8 10 for poor to good superfine; $8 15@$10 75 for fancy to very choice extra brands, ₩ bbl. Canadian Flour is steady; sales 600 bbls. extra at $6 35@$9. ₩ bbl. Rye Flour is quiet at $5 75@$6 85 ₩ bbl. Sales, 100 bbls. Corn Meal is in fair request at $5 65@$5 75 for Jersey, $5 90 for common State, $6 10 for Brandywine, and $6 25 for Marsh's Caloric, ₩ bbl. Sales, 300 bbls.

GRAIN—Wheat has been less active and rather less buoyant, to-day: Sales since our last, 97,000 bushels, including White Western, $1 75@$1 81; Amber Western, $1 61@$1 63; Red Western, poor to choice, at $1 54@$1 60; Amber Iowa Wisconsin and Green Bay, at $1 51@$1 52½; Milwaukee Club, at $1 47@$1 51; Chicago Spring at $1 45@$1 50; Old Milwaukee at $1 36 in store, ₩ bushel. Corn is in less demand, and much cheaper. Sales were made of 63,000 bushels, at $1 29½@$1 33, closing at $1 29¾@$1 30 for Mixed Western, in store; and $1 18 for Jersey Yellow ₩ bushel. Rye is quiet at $1 25@$1 35 for poor to choice Western and Northern ₩ bushel. Sales 1,400 bushels. Oats are in fair request at steady prices. We quote Canada at 89c.@91c.; Western at 91c.@92c.; State at 90c.@91¾c. ₩ bushel. Sales 70,000 bushels. Barley is in demand at $1 38@$1 55, as extremes, ₩ bushel. Sales, 3,400 bushels. Barley Malt is quiet at $1 56@$1 65 ₩ bushel. Sales 2,600 bushels.

HAY—North River Bale is in good request, at $1 15@$1 35 ₩ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Continue salable and steady at 20c.@30c. for poor to choice New, and 17c.@23c. for last year's crop, according to quality, ₩ lb.

NAVAL STORES—Continue inactive and nominal, including Spirits Turpentine, at $2 90@$3, chiefly at $2 92½@$2 95 ₩ gallon; Resin, $32@$45 ₩ 280 lbs. Tar, $11 50@$14 50 ₩ bbl.; City Pitch, $20 @$25 ₩ bbl.

PROVISIONS—Pork is more active and much dearer. Sales have been made since our last of 4,900 bbls., at $18 50@$19 for Mess, last season's packing; $17 25@$17 50 for two year Old Mess; $19@ $21 50 for new Western and City Prime Mess; $16 75 @$17 for Thin Mess; $21 for Mess—this season's packing; $14 50@$15 for Sour Mess, and $12 50 @$13 25 for Prime, ₩ bbl. Cut Meats are in demand at 10c.@12c. for Hams, and 7c.@8¾c. for Shoulders, ₩ lb. Sales, 300 pkgs. Bacon is in more request, at 9c.@11¾c., according to quality, ₩ lb. Sales 1270 boxes for immediate and future delivery. Dressed Hogs are selling more freely at 7c.@8¼c. ₩ lb. Lard continues unaltered; sales 2,500 tcs. and bbls. at 11¾c.@12¼c. ₩ lb. Beef is in request; sales 600 bbls., at $14@$15 for Extra Mess, and $12@$13 75 for plain Mess ₩ bbl. Prime Mess, $24 50@$25 50, the latter for choice; India Mess, $27@$30 ₩ tierce; sales, 250 tierces; Beef Hams, $17 50@$18 ₩ bbl.; sales, 225 bbls. Butter is in fair request, at 20c.@27c. for poor to choice Western, and 26c.@32c. for common to choice State, ₩ lb. Cheese continues in fair demand at 13c.@16c. ₩ lb.

SUGARS—Have been in limited request but steady to-day; sales since our last 135 hhds. including New-Orleans at 13c.@13¾c.; and Cuba, &c., at 12c.@13c.; also 350 boxes Havana 10¾c.@14¼ ₩ lb. Refined are quiet at 13c.@17¼c. ₩ lb.

TALLOW—Sales to-day 90,000 lbs., at 11¾c.@12¼c. and 50 packages Grease, at 10c.@10¼c. ₩ lb.

WHISKY—Sales since our last 1,500 bbls., at 86c.@ 92c., closing at 90c.@92c. ₩ gallon.

FREIGHTS—Have been quiet to-day at drooping rates. For Liverpool—1,400 bbls. Flour, at 1s. 9d.@ 2s. 3d. ₩ bbl.; 14,000 bushels Wheat at 5d.@5¼d. by sailing vessel, ₩ bushel; 650 pkgs. Provisions, at 20s. by sailing vessel, and 25s.@35s. by steamer; 150 tcs. Beef at 3s. by sailing vessel, and 5s. by steamer; 300 bbls. Naptha, at 6s. ₩ bbl.; 100 hhds. Tallow, at 16s. 6d.@20s. ₩ tc. For London—2,250 bbls. Flour at 2s.@2s. 3d.; 1,800 pkgs. Provisions, 25s.@27s. 6d. by sailing vessel, and 40s.@50s. by steamer, ₩ ton; 600 tcs. Beef, by steamer, at 6s. 6d.@7s. ₩ tc. For Havre—350 bbls. Petroleum, at 6s. ₩ bbl. For Antwerp—1,700 bbls. do., on private terms. For Bremen—50 bales Tobacco, by steamer, at $1 ₩ bale. For Rotterdam—500 bbls. Flour, at 2s. 3d. ₩ bbl. The latest charters, according to the *Shipping List* have been: a British brig, 342 tons at a neighboring port, from Philadelphia to Cork for orders, to a port in the United Kingdom, 2,500 Petroleum at 6s. 6d. if to the Continent 7s., and if Marseilles 9s.; a bark, 370 tons, to Tarragona, heavy pipe staves, $47, and light hhd. do. $24; a British bark, 260 tons, to Belfast or Dublin, Flour 2s.; a British brig, 186 tons, to Laguayra, $1 ₩ bbl.; one, 109 tons, to the Windward, $1,100 gold; a brig, 270 tons, from Portland to the West Indies, Lumber $12, and back to New-York, Logwood, $5; a British brig, 245 tons, to Cienfuegos and back, Sugar, 50c.; one 136 tons to West Indies and back, $1,700, half gold; a schr.,, 194 tons, same voyage, $1,400, part gold; one, 122 tons, same, $1,200, part gold; a Br. bring to Belfast; Beef and Pork, a French bark to Marseilles; a Br. brig 225 tons, to Curacao (before our last); a schooner, 118 tons, to Tabasco and back; a Br. brig, 177 tons, six months in the West India trade; one, 2,600 bbls., to West Indies and back; one to Havana; one, 226 tons, to St. Jago, Cuba, and back, on private terms.

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No. of Cer.	Amount.	No. of Cer.	Amount.	No. of Cer.	Amount.
576	$5,000	1050	$2,000	1263	$9,000
1288	4,000	1352	9,000	1353	1,000
1288	2,000	1493	3,000	1580	6,000
1578	4,000	1723	7,000	1836	6,000
1926	2,000	2130	4,000	107	11,000
294	3,000	320	3,000	663	6,000
816	7,000	897	8,000	1172	5,000
1220	5,000				
Total					$109,000

Each certificate will be sold separately and in the order above given, but in no event will either of said certificates be struck off and sold by me for less than seventy-five per cent. of the par value thereof. Certificates of purchase will be by me executed and delivered to the purchasers, which under and by the terms of the decree, will entitle the purchasers to have the said certificates of stock purchased regularly transferred to by the laws of Indiana provided, and new certificates issued as in case of a regular transfer.
Dec. 4, 1863. D. G. ROSE, U. S. Marshal.

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NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1863.

A TA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, held at the Office this day, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This Company has called upon its stockholders for such amounts as would make its capital equal to the amount fixed by its charter; and *whereas*, Some of the said stockholders have refused or neglected to pay the amount so called for, after notice; now, be it

Resolved, That this Company require the return of the original certificates of stock held by each and all of the stockholders, who have so neglected or refused, on or before the 21st of December inst.

Resolved, That new certificates for such numbers of shares of stock as the said stockholders may be entitled to, at fifty per cent. of the par value thereof, be issued in lieu of the original certificates required to be returned respectively.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be published in two newspapers of the City of New-York daily, commencing the 16th of December inst., until and including the 21st of December inst.

EUGENE PLUNKETT, President.
SAMUEL M. CRAFT, Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INS. CO.,
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THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL be closed on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year prior to 1st January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.
J. H. CHAPMAN,
Acting Secretary.

THE QUICKSILVER MINING COMPANY.
No. 21 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 7, 1863.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company will be held at the Continental Hotel, in the City of Philadelphia, at 11 A. M. on MONDAY, Jan. 4, 1864.

The annual election of Directors will be held on the same day, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

The Transfer Books will be closed on SATURDAY, Dec. 19, 1863, and reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 1864.
By order, J. B. RANDOL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TOLEDO AND WABASH RAILWAY CO.,
No. 132 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 1, 1863.

THE TOLEDO AND WABASH RAILWAY COMPANY will extend until 1890 the payment of all their First Mortgage Bonds which shall be presented at this office for that purpose before the 1st day of January next.
By order of the Board of Directors.
A. BOODY, President.

IN THE MATTER OF THE KNICKERBOCKER BANK.—NOTICE—The United States Trust Company of New-York, as Receiver of the said Bank, having already redeemed or provided for all the circulating notes issued, and for all the other indebtedness of the said Bank, will (in pursuance of an order of the Supreme Court, made on the 10th day of December inst.,) on and after the 16th day of December inst., declare and pay at their office, No. 48 Wall-st., a final dividend in said matter. Such dividend will be 89 per cent. on the following claims: First, on the amount paid by the stockholders on the assessment of their stock; second, the amount paid by stockholders by way of compromise, under the order of Court on the assessment of their stock; and, third, the amount paid by purchasers for the judgment against stockholders, which were sold at public auction by order of the Court.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

By the arrival of the steamship *Morning Star*, we have further advices from New-Orleans. Purser FULLER favors us with a report of a small piracy of the same style as that of the *Chesapeake*. The schooner *Joseph L. Geretz*, bound from Matamoras, Nov. 16, for New-York, was captured the second day out by a party of persons, six in number, who shipped as passengers for New-York, from Matamoras. The officers and crew of the schooner were confined on board eight days, when they were put in a small boat, and after ten days floating about, they landed at Sisal, from whence the Captain and supercargo got passage to Havana. It was reported at New-Orleans that the rebels, three or four thousand strong, had made an attack on Natchez, and had been repulsed with a loss of 800 prisoners. Brig.-Gen. WEITZEL came North by the *Morning Star*. The reported conspiracy and mutiny among the colored troops at Fort Jackson was unfounded. There was no further news from Texas.

GENERAL NEWS.

We have received our Havana correspondence by the steamship *Morning Star*, and are thus put in possession of highly interesting details of recent operations in Mexico and St. Domingo. In the former place the French army of occupation was advancing by slow stages toward the interior, and experiencing great annoyance from guerrillas, who made communication with the base of supplies at Vera Cruz very precarious. A report was current that VIDAN, Governor of the State of Monterey, had turned traitor to the Juarez Government, refusing to allow Monterey to be made the Capital; and that in going over to the French the States of Chihuahua and Durango went with him. Gen. DIAZ had made a famous raid through Queretaro, Michoacan, Guerrero and Oaxaca, to Puebla, capturing 271 Reactionist prisoners, a field-piece, and quantities of arms and ammunition. The death of COMONFORT is confirmed.

From Saint Domingo the Spanish accounts say that the insurrectionists have been repeatedly defeated of late with heavy loss. Troops, however, are still sent in large numbers from Havana, and more are announced to be on the way from Spain, to put down the rebellion. The hospitals at Saint Domingo, Puerto Rico and Santiago are filled with sick and disabled Spanish soldiers.

There was a disturbance at the Tacon Theatre, Havana, on the night of the 8th inst., growing out of dissatisfaction with the performance, and property to the amount of $3,000 was destroyed.

The official canvass of the election in Illinois, has just been completed, with the following result :

Total Union vote this year	126,505
Total Copperhead vote this year	96,409
Union majority this year	30,096
Copperhead majority last year	16,666
Union gain on majorities	46,762

Senator SHERMAN has procured for the use of the Western Sanitary Fair, at Cincinnati, the original autograph copy of the President's late proclamation of amnesty accompanying his message. It is full of interlineations and erasures, an evidence of the various shades of meaning to and from which the President was inclined in drawing it up.

The two Sioux chiefs, SWEETCORN and STANDING BUFFALO, have sent a message to Major HATCH, at Pembina, expressing a desire to make a treaty of peace. General SIBLEY has appointed Father ANDRIE, the Catholic priest at St. Joseph, Commissioner on the part of the United States to confer with them.

The Ninth, Twenty-ninth and Thirty-fifth Indiana regiments have reënlisted for three years, to a man. They will have a short furlough home in a few days. They are now at Chattanooga. Recruits from all portions of Indiana are pouring into Indianapolis. At least one hundred arrive daily, and are sent into the numerous camps.

During the gale on last Monday, one of the buildings in process of erection for soldiers' quarters on Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, was blown down, and FREDERICK T. KELLER, private, Company C, Twelfth O. V. C., killed, and three privates in the Hoffman battalion wounded, one of them supposed to be mortally. The men were at work upon the building at the time the accident occurred.

The Diplomatic correspondence of the State Department, consisting of three volumes, will be ready for the public to-day.

Mr. DEPEW, Secretary of State, has appointed ERASTUS CLARK, Esq., Recorder of the City of Utica, Deputy Secretary of State.

THOMAS SUTTON, Esq., of Morrisania, a printer, doing business in this City, has been appointed Agent and Warden of Sing Sing Prison.

Gold was steady at 152 ℔ cent. on Saturday. The Railway speculation feverish, and prices lower than on Friday. Money in good supply at 7 ℔ cent.

RECONSTRUCTION IN TENNESSEE.—Steps are likely very soon to be taken in Tennessee to reorganize the local authorities of the State, and put the machinery of Government again in motion. Hon. HORACE MAYNARD, Attorney-General of the State, has written a letter on the subject, which advises an election for county and town officers on the first Saturday of March next. The old Constitution, and the laws as they stood in May, 1861, will be the guide; all subsequent acts, being the work of rebels, are regarded and will be treated as null and void. The old Constitution required that every voter should be a "citizen of the United States;" of course he must be one who recognizes his allegiance to the United States, and will take an oath to support the Constitution and obey the laws of Congress. The State Constitution already requires that every person elected to office shall take that oath before entering upon its duties. This will be an important step toward the re-establishment of civil authority in Tennessee, and if properly guarded, cannot be attended by any but good results.

The Chesapeake Pirates.

The City of Halifax has struck a vigorous blow in vindication of monarchical institutions. It has proved the infinite superiority of English authority over the democratic Government of the United States, in the maintenance of law and order. A gang of mutineers, who had gone on board an American steamer as passengers, rise upon the officers and crew, kill some and overpower the rest, and take possession of the vessel. The ship is recaptured in British waters and the offenders handed over to the British authorities, for such disposition as justice may require. And a mob in the streets of Halifax rescues them from the officers of the law and sets them at liberty. So far as we can see thus far, the authorities were utterly powerless, and did not even attempt to maintain themselves against the mob. If an affair of this sort had taken place in the United States we should have had no end of British diatribes against a Government which at any moment a mob could thus overthrow.

The motive of this demonstration on the part of the Halifax mob, was hostility against the United States. These mutineers were rebels, and were trying in their way to serve and aid the "Confederacy." That was quite enough for the neutral Blue Noses. No matter what crime these men had committed, their being rebels entitled them to sympathy and protection. It is, of course, impossible for any Government to recognize them as prisoners of war, or as entitled to any of the privileges of belligerents. They embarked on the *Chesapeake* within our lines, and without any recognized public character. If they were serving the Confederacy at all, they were serving it as spies,—and if they had been taken within our jurisdiction, they would have been treated as spies. They were taken in British waters, and, of course, they were in custody of the British authorities.

Practically we see nothing to regret in their rescue and escape. We are not sufficiently interested in British institutions to care one straw for the disgrace inflicted on them by so flagrant and shameful a violation of law and order. That is a matter which those concerned may settle for themselves. If these men had remained in custody, our Government would have demanded their surrender; and then we should have had another diplomatic complication, breeding more or less ill-will, and adding to the public hatred which already menaces the public peace. If their surrender had been refused, we should have had fresh grounds of quarrel with England. If it had been granted, we should have had in our hands half a dozen more rebel ruffians to embarrass still more seriously the exchange of prisoners, and prolong the terrible sufferings and privations which thousands of our brave soldiers are now enduring in the rebel States. It would be very gratifying, doubtless, to hang these pirates; it would meet at once our sense of justice and feed our natural desire for public vengeance. But the pleasure would be too dearly purchased; and for our own part, we feel very well satisfied with their escape, and quite inclined to hope that the excessive and miraculous vigilance which the British authorities will doubtless put forth for their recapture, will not succeed. These scoundrels are evidently at home, and we hope they will stay there.

AN OLD SLANDER REVIVED.—Mr. MCKEON stated before the Court of Common Pleas, on Friday, in one of those curious political harangues which are now-a-days called "arguments," that, in his opinion, "as sure as this war ended in the subjugation of the South, the next war would be on the Catholics of the country." "It is decreed," says he, "that Catholicity and Slavery should perish together," and he continues :

"Mr. SUMNER, standing in the Senate of the United States, made a speech in which he said that the twin relics of barbarism were not Slavery and Polygamy, but Catholicity and Slavery. It is denied that Mr. SUMNER ever said so. It is published in the *Congressional Globe*, and reprinted in the *Herald*, of this City. Born and educated a Catholic, I confess a poor one, I see the coming storm, and believe sincerely to-day that when the knife is taken from the throats of the Southern people, it will be turned to the throat of every Catholic in the North."

This story about the sanguinary intentions of the people of the North with regard to Catholicity, first attracted our attention in *Brownson's Review*, where it was alleged that it was the NEW-YORK TIMES that had announced the coming doom. Upon pressing Dr. BROWNSON for his authority for this statement, we were pleased to discover that he got it from one of those veracious organs called the "Catholic papers," in this City—from which of them we never took the trouble to inquire, as they are all equally worthy of credit. So far as we are concerned, this, of course, laid the matter at rest, and it would probably never have been revived, if persons of vivid imagination like Mr. MCKEON did not confine their reading too closely to such prosperous newspapers as the *Express* and *Freeman's Journal*, which latter, according to him, "makes more money by maintaining that the national debt ought to be repndiated, and the Conscription act resisted by force, than it ever did before." It appears now, however, that it was Mr. SUMNER that said that "Catholicity and Slavery were the twin relics of barbarism;" and Mr. MCKEON adds that the clause is reported in the *Congressional Globe*, but, with a horror of details characteristic of gentlemen who make such statements, he cautiously refrains from giving those little particulars of date, page and volume, which alone could give the statement even an air of credibility. Until these are furnished, we have no hesitation in saying that the story is as purely fictitious as any chapter in *Gulliver's Travels*. Mr. SUMNER is not, by any means, what might be called a very cautious or very moderate speaker; but there is not the slightest risk in branding Mr. MCKEON's statement of what he said in the Senate as utterly untrue. Whatever may be Mr. SUMNER's offences or demerits as a statesman, a narrow-minded bigotry is not among them. His whole public life has been devoted to extending political rights instead of curtailing them.

The origin of this story of Republican hostility to Catholics, which Mr. MCKEON tries to make respectable by repeating it in a court of justice, is probably easy of discovery. It doubtless grew out of the fact that the *Freeman's Journal* and the *Metropolitan Record* find that, like advising the repudiation of the national debt, they "make more money" by circulating it than they did before. Mr. MCKEON is our authority for assuming the profitableness of advocating one kind of infamy; we see no reason why perpetrating another should be less remunerative or more repugnant to the tastes of the journals in question.

As to the story itself, it is beneath contempt. Mr. MCKEON is not fool enough to believe what he says on the subject. He does not believe for a moment that the Republicans have any design, either of exterminating Catholicism or of killing Catholics; and all his fussy assertions in regard to this matter are simply the tricks of a lawyer to win his case, or the wicked devices of a demagogue to stimulate the bad passions of an excitable community. In either case, we are sorry to see so able and so respectable a man as Mr. MCKEON stoop to use them.

Longstreet's Position in East Tennessee.

The late campaign of LONGSTREET in East Tennessee, has presented many peculiar features, but not one of them is more peculiar than the fact, that after having been virtually *cut off* by the National forces advancing upon his rear, he deliberately *marches past* the stronghold he is endeavoring to reduce, a distance of forty or fifty miles, turns round, and with his rear once more safely guarded, and with a railroad for his supplies, offers to his enemy battle. Though the severe fighting, reported a day or two ago, is unconfirmed, yet there is little doubt that LONGSTREET's retreat has come to an end. Having reached a point where his flank and rear are measurably safe from assaults from the direction of Cumberland Gap, and having direct railroad communication with Richmond, which he can speedily place in order, it is quite likely that he will stop where he is, intrench and await supplies and reinforcements.

This view is confirmed by the Southern papers, which announce that he had halted, and that the various small commands of SAM JONES, RANSOM, VANCE, VAUGHN and others, which have been operating independently, had joined him. What LONGSTREET's force was previous to this junction, has not been positively ascertained. He had his old corps, much reduced, and the divisions of BUCKNER and BUSHROD JOHNSON, of BRAGG's army; probably 25,000 men. The various bands mentioned above will probably increase his force to 30,000 men. WHEELER's cavalry, which was with him, has by a circuitous route through the mountains of North Carolina, rejoined the army now under HARDEE.

LONGSTREET, in this position, is no longer troubled about his supplies. With a railroad to Richmond, he will be freely supplied, so long as that place is a supply depot. But the *facility with which Longstreet may be reinforced from Lee's army* is the point now possessing the most interest. Assured of the inactivity of the Army of the Potomac, LEE can spare one of his veteran corps, and thus give LONGSTREET an army of fifty thousand men; an army with which he could resume offensive operations against Knoxville and the whole of East Tennessee, which would require a still larger force on our side to defeat. The halt of LONGSTREET in his present position, his apparent disposition to resist any further pursuit, and the concentration of all the troops in that vicinity, are very suggestive. What better could LEE do with his army, or a portion of it, at least, than to give GRANT occasion for more warm work in East Tennessee? Especially if that work involved, as it probably would, the employment of the greater portion of GRANT's army now at Chattanooga. LEE would have the shorter line of communication, could threaten Cumberland Gap, and would be on the flank of Chattanooga and its communications.

However, we have no fears. GRANT is in command. But the recent movements of LONGSTREET, and the proximity of LEE, together with the desperate necessity existing among the rebels, that something should be done, very pointedly indicate that the place to do something is still in Northeastern Tennessee.

SPOILING GOOD GENERALS TO MAKE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.—Nothing can be more admirable than the zeal and sagacity with which our neighbor the *Herald* is pushing Gen. GRANT for the Presidency. Every editorial article, no matter what may be its subject, winds up with an exhortation to the American people to be sure and elect him. The campaign is carried on with as much vigor as a Ward election, and by very much the same kind of newspaper machinery. "Vote for GRANT" is the closing and climax of every article, just as "Vote early" is in those sparkling paragraphs which adorn and enliven the columns of the party Press on the morning of election day.

We begin to have some fears that this vehement and formidable crusade may have some success. We care not so much for the Presidential aspirants whom it may crowd off the track, as for the military operations with which it may interfere. When any man, in any sphere of public duty, gets into his head the idea that he can be President, he has survived his usefulness. Water on the brain is an innocuous ailment in comparison. But when a General in the field is persuaded into being a candidate, or made to believe that he will be, he becomes just the most unfit man for such a place. He may not always be aware of its effect upon him; he may flatter himself that he is above all such considerations; but he is n't. No man is; and until human nature undergoes some radical change, no man ever will be. A candidate for the Presidency at the head of an army will inevitably, even if insensibly, pay a good deal more attention to public sentiment than to the public enemy. He will be much more anxious to take Washington than Richmond. He will work harder to fasten on his supposed rivals the responsibility for his failures than to avoid making them. And gradually there will grow up around him a clique of scheming flatterers, followed by a horde of hungry hunters for place, who will lose all care for the country in their zeal for his political success, and who will have little difficulty in convincing him that the main thing to be done is to crush his rivals and *thus* make himself indispensable to the nation. No man has ever succeeded in doing this yet, but that little circumstance does not deter scores of others from trying the experiment.

Gen. GRANT is an excellent, and what is more, a successful General. He has yet a great deal of very important work to do in the field. We trust he will be allowed to go ahead and do it. His worst enemies, if he has any, can wish him no worse fate than to be pushed before the public at the present moment as a candidate for the Presidency.

AMUSEMENTS.

The last performance of the German opera under Mr. CARL ANSCHUTZ, takes place to-night at the Academy of Music. GOUNOD's opera of "Faust" will be repeated, with Mme. JOHANNSEN in the cast instead of Mr. FARLEY. This will give new importance to the character of *Siebel*. The performance on Friday was so great a success that there is a universal feeling of regret that the work was not produced earlier in the season. It might have changed the result of Mr. ANSCHUTZ's experiment. The public and subscribers will, we trust, seize this last opportunity of hearing "Faust" in the language in which it is decidedly heard to the best advantage. It should be borne in mind that the performances commence at a quarter to 8 precisely.

The ninety-first concert of the New-York Philharmonic Society was given at the Academy of Music, on Saturday last, under the direction of Mr. THEODORE EISFELD. BEETHOVEN's superb tone-picture, the Sixth symphony, was the opening attraction of the programme, and so far as merit is concerned might have been the closing one also. Writers like GADE and WAGNER are very small deer beside the deaf giant who conceived this joyous Bucolic—this eternal song of whispering trees, waving harvests, babbling brooks, and human peace, good will, and contentment. The symphony was interpreted very carefully, and received much merited applause. A *morceau symphonique* terminated the first part, and owed its position there, we imagine, to the fact that Mr. GOLDBECK was the solo pianist of the evening. This talented musician has a worthy ambition. The mere display of technical skill does not satisfy him; in fact there are others who can excel him in this specialty. When he comes to the Philharmonic Society he is always prepared with a new work, and in the merit of this he is alone. We know of no pianist in New-York who can write so well for an orchestra—certainly no one who devotes so much of his time and effort to this higher kind of study. The present morceau is a new effort to fuse the piano in the orchestra. In individual character the piano refuses to be fused; it remains always as an *obligato* instrument. Still in this light it can be put to good uses. LISZT has partially succeeded, and Mr. GOLDBECK, in a previous work, "Deux Morceaux Symphonique," has been more happy than in the present instance. The piano passages, indeed, seem to be very much the same in both works. Nevertheless, the idea of "Le Songe" is pretty and graceful: and the production of such a work is immeasurably more creditable, both to the society and to the soloist than the mere hammering out of an old Liszt fantasie, or some other specimen of piano-mongery. GADE's overture, called "In the Highlands," is an early and vigorous work, with more dash of treatment in it than fertility of invention. The overture to "Rienzi," by WAGNER—like that to the "Flying Dutchman"—is one of those things that ought never to be played in a concert. It is intended to provoke an intellectual and receptive mood for the subsequent opera, and probably does so; but in its isolated form it is about as cheerful as a dictionary. Why don't somebody present the Philharmonic Society with a new piece by WAGNER; something from "Tristram and Isolde," for instance. The composer is always interesting, but this everlasting repetition of his old things is tedious. Mme. VIRGINIA LORINI was the vocalist, and sang out of tune. The next concert will be under the direction of Mr. CARL BERGMANN. Let no one attend it—or the rehearsals—whose physical health is not good; whose nerves are not of the strongest; whose courage is not unquestionable. The music to be played is of the extremest character, and all for the "future." There are LISZT's "Faust" Symphony; WAGNER's Introduction to "Lohengrin," and WEBER's overture to "Euryanthe." Let us hope that the directors will provide a suitable hospital staff and an ambulance corps for the occasion.

Mr. MAX MARETZEK returns to the City to-morrow, and will commence a series of four performances at the Academy of Music on the following day. This accidental and acceptable addition to our holiday amusements will be hailed with satisfaction by all lovers of operatic music, and by that large number of strangers who congregate in the Metropolis at this season of the year. Mr. MARETZEK opens with VERDI's "Ballo in Maschera," which will, of course, be played for the only time. The company appears in Boston on the 4th of January.

The grand musical and literary entertainment in aid of the Relief Fund of the Ladies' Home for Sick and Wounded Soldiers, which took place on Tuesday last, at the Academy of Music, was, in every respect, a great success. One of the principal attractions of the occasion was a new poem by Mr. DE CORDOVA, entitled the "Soldier," a graphic and affecting narrative of patriotic life, which touched all hearts, and elicited unbounded applause. We notice, by the way, that this poem will be read by Mr. DE CORDOVA, for the second time, at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, on the 29th of December.

The combined attraction of a fine day and splendid programme, drew an unusually brilliant audience to Irving Hall, on Saturday, when Mr. THEODORE THOMAS gave his ninth popular musical matinée. So many pretty girls are not often seen in one place. This fact alone should secure the success of the enterprise. There is no doubt, indeed, about its being already a success. A few fine Saturdays will make the THOMAS matinée as popular as a Philharmonic rehearsal. Mde. BORCHARD took part in Saturday's programme, singing with great skill RHODE's well known air and variations, and assisting Messrs. CASTLE and CAMPBELL in various concerted pieces. One of the instrumental attractions of the occasion was a new polka, (called the Christmas), by Mr. CHARLES FRADEL,—a lively and neatly written morceau, which will undoubtedly become a favorite with the dancing as well as the playing public. Mr. THOMAS is doing a good work in thus encouraging our resident composers. The lady patrons of the matinées were presented with copies of the polka, which is published by Mr. THEODORE MAGEN, No. 5 and 7 Mercer-street. A very fine programme is provided for Saturday next, (the tenth matinée of the series). Mme. BORCHARD, Mr. WM. CASTLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. S. B. MILLS, Mr. TOULMIN, and Signor ARELLA will assist.

The announcements at the various theatres to-night are as follows: At Wallack's, "Rosedale;" at the Winter Garden, the "Ticket-of-Leave Man;" at Niblo's, "All Hallow Eve" and "Yankee Courtship;" at Mrs. JOHN WOOD's, (Olympic,) "My Preserver," "Easy Shaving" and "Mischief Making;" at the Theatre Français, (to-morrow evening,) "Les Femmes, Revoltée," comedie vaudeville, "Le Marchand d'Images," interlude, and "Un Duel sous Richellieu," piece in three acts; at Barnum's Museum, the "Ticket-of-Leave Man," a new Giant, a novel musical instrument, a big trout, and a hundred other things more or less dramatic.

The Stereoscopticon at Hope Chapel is one of the most instructive and amusing exhibitions in the City. At this season, it is just the sort of thing that is needed for the young folks.

BUCKSTONE'S comedy of "Married Life," was played at Mr. WALLACK's Theatre on Saturday night, for the first time this season. It is an amusing piece, and is always played well by this company. Mrs. WILKINS made her second appearance as *Mrs. Coddle*, and maintained the good impression created in the "Love Chase." A fair *débutante* essayed the *rôle* of the jealous *Mrs. Lynx*, and with admirable success. The lady to whom we refer is Mrs. JENNINGS, a new member of the company, and a novice in all that relates to the stage. The latter fact was hardly apparent, so completely did the lady seem to be at home. Mrs. JENNINGS possesses a good voice, an admirable figure, and features that are handsome and strongly marked. She is easy in her bearing, but in all else, save natural gifts of intellect, she has everything to learn. It is sufficient to say that her *début* was a success, and completely unattended by embarrassment.

Mrs. and Miss BROWN gave another of their readings from the poets at Clinton Hall on Tuesday last. The young lady possesses decided talent; her selections from "King Lear" displayed good dramatic judgment and power, and in other morceaux she exhibited skill and taste as an elocutionist.

Messrs. MASON and THOMAS' soirée of Chamber Music (Ninth season,) will commence at DODWORTH's Saloon on Tuesday, the 12th of January next, continuing every two weeks until the series of six is completed. The programme embraces many of the later works of BEETHOVEN, those novel and remarkable quartettes which have been called crazy, but which are steadily winning their way into favor. The musical world will be much interested in these performances.

The members of the New-York Harmonic Society will give their annual performance of the "Messiah," at Irving Hall on Christmas evening. Miss BRAINERD, Mrs. JENNY KEMPTON, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. THOMAS are the soloists; Mr. BRISTOW the conductor.

THE MENAGERIE.—The Broadway Menagerie uninterruptedly continues one of the favorite resorts. The beauty of the building and its adaptation to its purposes, the fine and numerous specimens of animals—the largest in this or any other country—the den performances and the less thrilling but more amusingly ones of the ring, all contribute to make it a place of interest, instruction and amusement to young and old. It is conducted in such a manner as to deserve the good name and popularity it has acquired.

BROADWAY AMPHITHEATRE.—A great attraction this week at this elegant establishment, in the engagement of Mme. LOUISE TOURNAIRE. This lady, who is the most accomplished of equestriennes, appears with her dancing horses. The *haute ecole* of equestrianism, as practically illustrated by Mme. TOURNAIRE, gives additional interest at this time from the fact that since the opening of the Central Park the New York ladies have paid more attention to that acknowledged than ever before, and Mme. T. is an accomplished expert in that branch of her profession. Her manege exercises form an admirable model for ladies wishing to acquire grace and skill in sitting and reining a horse. Mme. TOURNAIRE and all the principal artists will appear every afternoon and evening.

T. B. PETERSON & Co., of Philadelphia, publish *twenty-eight* different editions of CHARLES DICKENS' works, which they advertise this morning, with the price of each attached. These editions they generously propose to furnish to all ordering them, free of charge, by either express or mail. The prices range from fourteen to forty-five dollars the complete set, bound in substantial cloth. A complete set of Dickens, in plain muslin binding, costs in London $149. In type, paper, &c., the American is fully equal to the English edition. The Philadelphia edition, therefore, has the acceptable element of great cheapness. Another advantage it has over the English: it is wholly uniform in size, whereas an English set of Dickens, consisting of "longs and shorts," (tale 8vos. and squat, stout 12mos.,) never can range uniformly on the bookshelf. Out of twenty-eight editions, ranging at various prices, but at the lowest fully five-sixths cheaper than the books are sold for abroad, every family in this country can possess all the writings of the greatest novelist of the age. They are well adapted for gift-books.

THE TRIAL OF HON. J. R. GIDDINGS.

Motion to Quash Proceedings—Argument of Counsel.

Special Dispatch to the Toronto Leader.

MONTREAL, Friday, Dec. 18.

The Giddings case was heard to-day on motion to quash the *capias* and relieve his bail. The argument of his counsel was that it was illegal to issue a *capias* on Sunday, especially under circumstances not warranting the issud on that day; second, that a *capias* could not issue for unliquidated damages which arose from a personal tort; third, that the affidavit did not contain sufficient description of the quality assumed by the plaintiff, who did not show whether he was a party to the suit or not; that the grounds of belief of the deponent REDPATH requiring to be set forth clearly in detail by the positive statute law of the land, unless they are sufficient to justify the issue of the writ, ought to be set aside on a motion to quash. It was held by the counsel for Mr. GIDDINGS that no *capias* can issue for unliquidated damages. It was held by the counsel for REDPATH that it is not necessary that the writ should depend on unliquidated damages.

The motion to quash the writ and the motion for security for costs was taken *en delibre* by Judge SMITH.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Friday, Dec. 18.

A train of cars, under a flag of truce, left Norfolk for Suffolk yesterday, with fourteen women and eleven children, in charge of Capt. TAMBLIN and Lieut. STRUBLE, of Gen. BARNES' Staff, to remain South.

Major-Gen. BUTLER has issued an order for enrollment of all able-bodied male citizens, colored and white, between 18 and 45 years of age, in this department, to be completed Jan. 1.

Maj. STEVENSON, commander of the army gunboats, has been relieved of his command by Brig.-Gen. GRAHAM.

The magazine explosion in Yorktown destroyed nearly all the buildings in the town.

Maj.-Gen. BUTLER and Staff left for Newport's News this afternoon.

On Wednesday last our pickets were driven in at Gloucester Point by the rebels. Two companies were immediately sent out, and dispersed the enemy.

A Riotous Strike Suppressed.

BOSTON, MASS., Sunday, Dec. 21.

One hundred and forty nail-makers in the iron foundry at Neponset struck for higher wages Saturday afternoon, and there were indications of a serious riot. The town authorities on being notified of the affair, sent to Boston for police aid, which was promptly furnished, and eleven of the leading strikers were arrested and committed to jail. The other workmen then quietly dispersed, and will probably resume work at the old prices.

Arrival of the Hibernia at Boston.

BOSTON, Sunday, Dec. 20.

The steamship *Hibernia*, from Liverpool, Dec. 8, arrived at 7 o'clock this evening. Her mails will be forwarded to New York to-morrow morning.

EXPEDITION TOWARD RICHMOND.

Particulars of the Attack on Charles City Court-house—A Wild Night for a March—Surprise and Capture of Pickets—Charge on the Rebel Camp—The Spoils of Victory—Contrabands Coming In.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

WILLIAMSBURGH, Va., Monday, Dec. 14, 1863.

An expedition, composed of six companies of the First New-York Mounted Rifles and three companies of the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth New-York regiment, has just returned from a highly successful raid to Charles City Court-house, situated near the north bank of the James River, and seven miles beyond the Chickahominy. The expedition was under the direction of Col. R. M. WEST, the present commander of this post; the cavalry was commanded by Col. B. F. ONDERDONK, and the infantry, which acted as a reserve this side the Chickahominy, by Col. ROBERTS.

The infantry preceded the cavalry twelve hours. The Mounted Rifles quitted Williamsburgh at 6 o'clock on the evening of the 11th inst., under lowering clouds, and an atmosphere that presaged storm. We made a brief halt at Twelve-mile Ordinary. After leaving this point, our route lay through dense forests of pine and dreary patches of cleared but uncultivated land. As night and the column advanced, the darkness became terrible, the wind fairly roared through the tall trees, and the rain, so long threatening, fell in torrents. We had two trusty white guides, but you may imagine how serviceable they were when we could not distinguish a horseman at the distance of three yards, unless, perhaps, he was mounted on a white steed. Still, the regiment moved forward for many miles, keeping closed files, and carefully following the sound of clanking sabres; until, finally, the road, which before had seemed to be in a highly-tangled condition, formed a knot like the Gordian puzzle. Here, apparently, fate had a choice bivouac in store for us—but not so, Col. WEST. The guides lit matches which blazed for a moment, (just long enough to exhibit our forlorn prospects,) and were then quenched by the rain. Still, we were making a few yards, or rather "taking ground to the right." The guide covered his hands with the phosphorus of the matches, and held them up. This did not remind one forcibly of a revolving coast light, but we persevered. Many of the men lost their way through the woods, two or three officers were missing, but fortunately all regained the column. We pushed on in this manner until about three o'clock, when it being perfectly impossible to proceed another foot, on account of the blackness of all surrounding objects, and the awful condition of the road, (when we found it,) we were compelled to sit patiently in our saddles until daylight, drenched to the skin, and ruminating upon the beautiful moral relation which the soldier sustains toward a grateful country.

At daylight we moved on rapidly, and made up for lost time. We came up with the infantry, and halted a mile this side of the Chickahominy River. They had surprised and captured a small rebel picket. We soon came in sight of the river at Ford's Crossing, and away we went on the gallop. The first rebel picket was discovered on the west bank of the river. They were in a tranquil state of existence, having divested themselves of their superfluous clothing, and "lain down to quiet dreams." They were sound asleep. The very doorkeepers of the great and invincible City of Richmond were snoring in their slumbers. After fording the river, which is quite narrow at this place, and the water about up to our saddle-bags, we swept onwards with drawn sabres, at a light gallop, capturing without resistance, four pickets, and keeping a bright lookout in all directions. As we mounted a hill in view of Charles City Court House, we caught a sight of the rebel camp, and with a loud cheer we commenced the charge. The charge was led by the field officers of the regiment, with Col. ONDERDONK and Col. WEST. It was irresistible. In less than fifteen minutes we captured ninety prisoners, including eight commissioned officers, nearly one hundred and fifty stand of arms, over fifty horses, and a large quantity of forage, commissary stores, camp and garrison equipage.

The rebels were holding the usual Sunday morning inspection in their best clothes, in camp, and made slight resistance, being either entirely surprised or not wishing to injure the few good clothes in their possession.

At the Court-house the rebels made a brief but spirited resistance. They were driven into two wooden buildings, and fired several volleys from the windows, at very short range. We surrounded the houses, and compelled a surrender, which was formally made by the enemy, after exhibiting a white flag. Sergt. WOOD, a brave and faithful non-commissioned officer, was killed in the first assault upon the building. Capt. GREGORY was severely, but not dangerously wounded in the thigh. Our entire loss during the expedition was two killed and five wounded.

The rebel officers were, without exception, gentlemen, both in appearance and manner. Had their surprise been less complete, I have no doubt they would have made an obstinate defence. Many of the rebel soldiers were well uniformed, and were mostly armed with the Maynard rifles.

The force captured was a part of the Forty-second Virginia, commanded by Major ROBINSON, who was away at the time on his wedding tour. It was considered by the rebels a crack corps, they being admiringly styled "Plugs."

After destroying their camp, all the arms, accoutrements and munitions of war, which we could not bring away, we retired leisurely across the Chickahominy. Here the regiment rested awhile. Col. WEST sent a small party to secure Diascon Creek bridge. The party arrived just in time to prevent the destruction of the bridge by a small squad of guerrillas, who retired after exchanging a few shots, wounding the guide severely. We arrived in Williamsburgh yesterday afternoon. The fair portion of the inhabitants behaved anything but amiably when they beheld the result of the expedition, in so many prisoners.

The rank and file of the captured party appeared rather happy than otherwise, with their sudden escape from rebeldom. One, (a nephew of United States Senator BOWDEN,) took the oath of allegiance, and several seemed disposed to do so. The officers, of course, are as bitter, as their systematic schooling to pervert the use of the five senses will make any one. Capt. RODGERS, in command, owned nearly all the horses and equipments, and he reckons his loss heavily. Among the captured was a young woman in soldier's clothes.

We brought into our lines quite a large number of contrabands. The rebel officers told them they were not compelled to come. We told them they were not compelled to stay. They seemed to value our word most, and came. One of them, an athletic pure blooded African, was relating his adventures. He said his master, in Richmond, had sold him for sixteen hundred dollars, to be sent South. He ran away and came to his wife, at Charles City Court-house. His master offered two hundred dollars for his capture and he was obliged to hide. The morning of our arrival at the Court-house, he was lying asleep in the woods, and a little boy came and woke him up, and said that the Yankees had come. He said "Go way, chile, what you want to fool dis nigga for?" But just then he heard the firing, and, rising up, saw the blue coats of our troops on the hill. "I was so glad dat I come right away and left all my things."

The following is a list of the killed and wounded in the Mounted Rifles :

Sergt. Wood, Co. H—killed.
Corp. Smith, Co. H—killed.
Capt. L. B. Gregory—wounded severely in thigh.
Sergt. Hendrickson, Co. H—wounded in three places.
Private Stoppelbeen, Co. H—wounded
Private Johnson, Co. H—wounded slightly.
Guide—wounded in arm.
The rebels had three men wounded.

This raid has developed some interesting facts, which I would like to impart, but forbear on account of their military importance. C.

Fatal Catastrophe.

LOUISVILLE, Sunday, Dec. 20.

As seven laborers, this afternoon, were rowing a large scow, containing a locomotive for the Frankfort Railroad Company, from Jeffersonville to the railroad river depot in Louisville, the current carried them over the falls, by which the boat was upset and the locomotive sunk. Three of the men were drowned, and the remaining four were rescued by Capt. PINE VARBLE, piloting the steamer *Celeste*, who, with great daring, rounded his boat upon the falls.

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I have been suffering for years past from a severe Catarrh, with a great heaviness over my eyes, with a severe depression, great uneasiness, and pain in my head, great difficulty in breathing, and a continual accumulation in my nostrils, which gave me restless nights for several years. I have consulted several physicians, who pronounced me to be consumptive. What I suffered for so long a time is indescribable. My system was entirely disarranged and greatly debilitated. I not only felt weak, but I had a cloud continually before my eyes, and my ears were so affected that I was threatened with a total loss of hearing. I must say, I think, I was guided by Providence to come to Dr Von Eisenberg, who not only cured me of my Catarrh by removing an astonishing quantity of disagreeable matter from my head, but he restored me to erfect health, a blessing I have not enjoyed for many years. Now I enjoy a good night's rest, and pursue my business with comfort. I must acknowledge that Dr. Von Eisenberg's mild and scientific treatment for Catarrh deserves the highest commendation, as the principle which directs his system of curing Catarrh is such as to render success certain.

JAMES FURLONG, No. 556 2d-av.

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JOHN TAYLOR,

NEW-YORK, July 19, 1862.

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E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY, December 22d, 23d and 24th, at 11 o'clock each day, at the store No. 646 Broadway, next to corner of Bleecker-st., a very large and choice collection of Carrara marble statuary, of pleasing subjects, large marble vases, richly carved tazzas, or fountains; four figures, [illegible] for garden, an elaborately carved Carrara marble fountain, with three basins, a choice assortment of marble and alabaster works of art, for the decoration of parlors, &c., the [illegible] of which are the direct importation from the city of Siena, by TANCREDI & PANCIOLI, also a fine assortment of bronze clocks, figures and groups, Bohemian glassware, &c. These sales will be the closing ones, and every lot offered will be positively sold.

The store is now open to visitors and catalogues ready.

AUCTION SALES.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the United States, District of Indiana, November term, 1863.

Robert L. Cutting, jr., the President and Directors of the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company, et al.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the 15th day January, A. D. 1864, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the Court-house, in the city of Indianapolis, County of Marion, and State of Indiana, the undersigned, the Marshal of the United States of the District aforesaid, by virtue of a certified copy of the decree rendered and made by the Court in the above entitled cause, issued by the Clerk of said Court, will sell at auction, and public outcry, the following described property and rights of the said Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company, to wit:

The Peru and Indianapolis Railroad, running and extending from Peru, in the County of Miami, and State of Indiana, through the Counties of Miami, Howard, Tipton, Hamilton and Marion, to the City of Indianapolis, in said County of Marion; and all and singular the land and real estate of which the said Railroad Company was, on the 5th day of March, 1856, or now is seized or possessed, together with all the land under and on each side of the track, to the whole width and extent that the said Company was or is seized or possessed of the same, together with the superstructure, tracks and rails thereon and the bridges, viaducts, fences, depot grounds, and buildings thereon, engines, cars, tools, materials, machinery, and all the personal property, rights thereto or interest therein of the said Company, and also all that certain piece of land extending from the termination of the said Railroad at Peru to the Lake Erie, Wabash and St. Louis Railroad, acquired or to be acquired by said Company, and the road built or to be built thereon, with the superstructure and rails placed or to be placed thereon, and all the depot grounds acquired or to be acquired, and all other property, real or personal, acquired or to be acquired by said Company; and also all the tolls, rents, and income to be had or arised from the said Railroad extending from Peru to Indianapolis and the extension thereof to the Lake Erie, Wabash and St. Louis Railroad, now called the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company, and all franchises, rights, and privileges of the said Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company of, in, to, or concerning the same and any and every part thereof.

The rents and profits of said property will first be offered for sale, and, upon failing to realize a sufficient sum to satisfy the demand due upon said decree, I will, at the same time and place, in like manner offer for sale the fee simple of the property, effects, rights and franchises above described, ordered to be sold as the property of the said Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company in the above-entitled suit.

The sale will be made without relief from the valuation and appraisement laws of the State of Indiana; and said property, &c., will be sold as an entirety, and subject to the prior and paramount lien of the deed of trust or mortgage executed by said Company on the 1st day of July, 1852, to James Winslow, as Trustee, to secure the payment of the bonds of the Company, amounting to $600,000, and interest thereon, which interest, unpaid on the 1st day of July, 1863, amounted to $68,734 17, and also subject to the rights and claims of the judgment recovered by the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad Company against said Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company, in the Fall of 1855, in the Circuit Court of Marion County, Indiana, for $37,527, and which judgment has been assigned to Francis B. Cutting. The purchase money must be paid at the time the property is struck off down, and upon default the property may again be offered and sold, the purchaser so failing to pay being responsible for any loss upon the reoffering.

DAVID G. ROSE, U. S. Marshal.

Wm. Henderson, Hendricks & Hord, Attorneys for complainant.

Nov. 13, 1863.

SCRANTON COAL AT AUCTION.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN R. R. Co., NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1863.

This Company will hold their SEVENTY-FIRST REGULAR MONTHLY AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 23d day of December, 1863, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the office of the Company, No. 35 William-st., at which time they will offer, by Simeon Draper, Auctioneer,

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND TONS OF FRESH-MINED SCRANTON COAL,

embracing all the usual sizes, and deliverable at their depot, Elizabethport, N. J., during the month of January next.

The sale will be positive. Each lot put up will be sold to the highest bidder; no bids, *on any form whatever*, being made for account of, or on behalf of, the Company.

Fifty cents per ton, in bankable funds, to be paid at the time and place of sale, and the balance, in like funds on receiving the order for the coal, which must be called for within ten days thereafter, and the coal taken away within thirty days from the day of sale, unless navigation is obstructed. Buyers who wish, however, can have an additional thirty days for taking the delivery of their purchases, by making a further deposit of fifty cents per ton within the ten days above specified. Interest, at 7 per cent. per annum, will in such case be charged on the balance, from the time stipulated for payment until paid; and twenty-five cents per ton to cover the expense of stocking the coal,—both to be paid on delivery of order.

The other conditions of sale will be substantially those hitherto accepted by all purchasers, by private contract, of coal deliverable at Elizabethport, so far as applicable. The coal will be delivered direct from the cars on their arrival from the mines, when practicable—otherwise from the stock. These conditions will be modified to meet the wants of ocean steamers, whose arrival cannot be definitely fixed. JOHN BRISBIN, President.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

ELEGANT CABINET FURNITURE.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF THE
ENTIRE STOCK OF
M. BERLITZ, ESQ.,

who is retiring from business.

By EDWARD SCHENCK, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, Dec. 21 and 22, at 10½ A. M., at the warerooms No. 548 Hudson-st., corner of Charles-st. The entire elegant stock, consisting of elegant carved rosewood and mahogany suites, covered in brocatel, moquet reps and hair-cloth, etageres, centre-tables, in all different styles, cardtables, bookcases, in rosewood and black walnut, elegant rosewood and mahogany and black walnut bedsteads, bureaus, commodes and washstands, easy and rocking chairs, reception chairs, lounges, in moquet and reps, elegant dining-room suites, in oak and black walnut, buffets, dining chairs, and a large assortment of every description of first-class furniture. The above may be examined at any time previous to the sale, which will be positive and without reserve. Purchasers can have their furniture packed and shipped in the best manner, or it may remain at the store free of charge until Jan. 1.

DANL. H. BURDETT, Auctioneer

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE.

By BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of an order of the United States Circuit Court for the State of New-York, to me directed and delivered, I will sell at public auction, on the 23d day of December, 1863, at 12 o'clock, at noon, on board thereof, the prize ship GOUDAR, her tackle, &c., &c., as she now lies.

N. B.—The above vessel now lies at the Commercial Wharf, northwest corner Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn

DEC. 8, 1863. R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE.

BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed and delivered, I will sell at public auction, on the 22d day of December, 1863, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Union Stores, Brooklyn, the cargo of the prize steamer ELIZABETH, consisting of dry goods, shoes, leather, hardware, drugs, medicines, military equipments, clothing, blankets, tin, lead, &c., &c. R. MURRAY,

Dec 11, 1863. U. S. Marshal.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE.

BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed and delivered, I will sell at public auction, on the 21st day of December, 1863, at 11½ o'clock A. M., at the Union stores, Brooklyn, the cargo of the prize schooner EZILDA, consisting of Rio coffee, about 66 bags; codfish in boxes, olives in kegs, printing paper, and 1 bbl. white wax. ROBT. MURRAY, Esq., U. S. Marshal.

DECEMBER 9, 1863.

DANL. H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE.

BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of an order of the United States Circuit Court for the State of New-York, to me directed and delivered, I will sell at public auction, on the 21st day of December, at 12 o'clock at noon, on board thereof, the prize ship ALLIANCE, her tackle, &c., as she now lies.

N. B.—The above vessel now lies at Union-st., Brooklyn. R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal.

DECEMBER 8, 1863.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-street, opposite the Post-office.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF FINE FURS,

ROBES, GLOVES, &c.—MINER & SOMERVILLE will sell at auction, TUESDAY, December 22, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st., a large and fine assortment of ladies' furs, embracing fine sable and mink, full, three-quarter and half capes, muffs and cuffs, ermine do. do., also, squirrel, French sable, stone marten and fitch; ladies' and misses' sets; also, mink, sable, ermine and squirrel collars. Also, a variety of robes, gloves, gents,' collars, &c. The above are all fresh and desirable goods, made for custom sales, and worthy the attention of persons about purchasing.

E. H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.

CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD COMPANY FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS AT AUCTION.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Dec. 22, 1863, at 12½ o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (for account of whom it may concern,)

$39,000 First Mortgage Bonds of the Chicago and Cincinnati Railroad Company,.....$1,000 each.

$7,000	do	do	500 each.
$2,800	do	do	200 each.

ALSO:

1 Share Society Library, par $25.

A list of the above may be seen at the Auctioneer's office, No. 3 Pine-st.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.

MINER & SOMERVILLE WILL SELL

at auction, on MONDAY, Dec. 21, at 11 o'clock, at their gallery No. 37 Nassau-st., a collection of modern oil paintings of the various schools of art, embracing landscapes, marines, interior still life, winter scenes, fruit and flowers, &c., among which are the works of Nollenan, Vanaverdonck, Sommers, Rosenbergh, E. C. Coates, Northcote, W. T. Mathews, Dony, Netcher, Le Gar, Stevens, Turner, and others. The above are now on exhibition.

ALBERT C. HATWOOD, Auctioneer,

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, (Monday,) Dec. 21, at 11 A. M., at the splendid private residence No. 123 East 10th-st., a few doors west of Broadway, all the elegant household furniture, consisting of dining-room, parlor and bedroom furniture, all first-class and made to order; rich Parisian ornaments suitable for holiday presents. Also, fine French plate mantel mirror, and one first-class rosewood Piano-forte. Those wanting furniture will find this a rare opportunity to supply themselves. The entire stock valued at $16,000.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
Corner G and 22d streets,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27, 1863.

NOTICE.—WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION on WEDNESDAYS, the 9th and 23d December, 1863, at the Coral, near the Observatory in this city, a lot of public horses and mules condemned as unfit for public service,

Terms cash in Government funds. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

C. H. TOMPKINS,
Capt. and A. Q. M., U. S. A.

AUCTION SALES.

E. H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF CHOICE OLD MADEIRA AND SHERRY WINES,

&c., &c.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on MONDAY, Dec. 21, 1863, at 12 o'clock, at the salesroom No. 3 Pine-st., by order of the executors of the estate of James M. Pendleton, deceased:

A choice collection of fine old Madeira and Sherry Wines, &c., in demijohns and bottles, consisting of March and Benson Madeira, Bramin via India, 1826; do. do., per ship *Howard*, 1825; Blackburn Madeira; D. B. Ogden Madeira, in magnums, (bought of D. Lynch,) Symington, Phelps & Co., Madeira, vintage of 1821; Sercial Madeira, Tirate & Dyar's Pale Sherry, 1820; Hermitage, Washington Morton, Bordeaux; Sauterne, St. Peray, Pichon De Longueville Claret, 1842; Jamaica Rum, Whisky, &c.

The above wines are all choice, and well worthy the attention of connoisseurs.

Samples and catalogues ready on Friday, 18th inst., at the office of the auctioneers, No. 3 Pine-st.

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE, No. 4 STATE-STREET.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS (IN DUPLICATE) will be received by the undersigned until 4 o'clock P. M., on TUESDAY, the 22d inst., for supplying for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows, viz.:

8,765 barrels first quality PORK, MESS or PRIME MESS, of the packs of 1862-3 or 1863-4, in full-hooped oak or ash barrels, with iron master-hoops, meat to be free from rust or stain, full weight and thoroughly salted; bidders will state when their pork was packed, and the brands, if known, also the kind of barrel.

1,000 barrels NEW MESS or EXTRA MESS BEEF, in full-hooped oak barrels, with two iron hoops; bidders will state the brands, and will exhibit samples when practicable.

The Pork and Beef to be received at such Inspection yards as shall be agreed to by the undersigned.

Proposers who are not able to deliver their Pork at the dates mentioned below, may state the time when they can deliver it.

237,000 pounds first quality THOROUGHLY SMOKED BACON SIDES.

175,000 pounds of first quality THOROUGHLY CURED SMOKED HAMS. Proposers will state whether their Hams are pickled cured or dry salted, also their average weight.

100,000 pounds first quality canvased sugar-cured SMOKED HAMS.

The Hams will be paid for by their net weight, excluding paper wrappers and bagging.

The bacon and hams to be delivered in bulk for inspection and packing, at such points in the City of New-York as may be designated.

5,300 barrels of first quality extra superfine Southern, St. Louis, or other brands of FLOUR, suitable for keeping in a warm climate. The brands and place of manufacture to be stated in the bids, and whether in round or flat hoop barrels. The barrels to be full headlined and bung sealed.

500 barrels first quality kiln-dried CORN MEAL.

1,000 bushels first quality SPLIT PEAS, 60 pounds to the bushel, to be packed in suitable barrels or half-barrels, which to be stated.

532,000 pounds of RICE, in clean, good, stout oak barrels. Like samples to be seen at this office.

134,000 pounds of RICE, in double sacks, like samples to be seen at this office, containing one hundred pounds each.

30,000 pounds, carefully selected TEA, in original packages, ½ Green, ½ Souchong, ½ Oolong; packages to be well strapped and in perfect order. Cargo and chop-marks to be stated on the proposals. Each sample must be marked in full with the name of the party offering, the cargo and choo-mark, price and quantity offered.

1,000,000 pounds of dry, light-yellow COFFEE SUGAR, or choice dry raw SUGAR; barrels to be new and of the best in use for the purpose, and to be full headlined.

30,000 GALLONS of the best quality of PURE VINEGAR, made only from cider or whisky, free from all foreign acids and injurious substances, and of a uniform strength, the whisky vinegar taking thirty-five grains bi-carbonate of potash to neutralize one ounce Troy, the cider vinegar as near the same strength as may be; to be put up in half barrels of 22 gallons capacity, like samples at this office. Each proposal must state distinctly the kind and quality of vinegar offered and the kind of package.

130,000 pounds best quality of ADAMANTINE CANDLES, to be 16 ounces to the pound, one-half sixes, the remainder twelves.

5,000 pounds best quality of SPERM CANDLES, to be 16 ounces to the pound.

375,000 pounds good hard SOAP, to be made only from good materials, free from clay, soluble glass, or other adulteration, to have no unpleasant odor, to contain not more than twenty-five per cent. of water, and to be well dried before being packed.

50,000 pounds Liverpool ground SALT, in sacks.

12,000 pounds PEPPER (black.) Bidders will please state the variety of pepper, as Sumatra, Singapore, Penang, &c., furnishing samples, and also state the price per pound at which they will have it ground, put up in four-ounce papers, and packed in boxes containing twenty-five pounds.

25,000 gallons good MOLASSES or SYRUP, in barrels, or cypress half-barrels with pine heads, and at least four iron hoops.

53,429 gallons of good common WHISKY, to be full first-proof, according to the United States Custom-house standard. Barrels to be of good seasoned white oak staves and heads; to have twelve wooded and four strong iron hoops, heads and iron hoops painted. Returns required from R. Pyatt & Co., Inspectors.

100,000 gallons of superior BOURBON WHISKY; barrels to be of good seasoned white oak staves and heads; to have twelve wooded and four strong iron hoops, heads and iron hoops painted. Returns required from R. Pyatt & Co., Inspectors.

100,000 pounds first quality DRIED APPLES, in strong, tight barrels.

10,000 gallons mixed PICKLES, in ten-gallon kegs; each keg to contain six gallons medium-sized cucumbers, two gallons green peppers, and two gallons onions.

All the above articles to be delivered in three equal installments on the 4th, 11th and 18th of January, 1864.

POTATOES—Such quantities as may be required during the month of January, 60 pounds to the bushel, in good ordinary, well-coopered barrels.

ONIONS—Such quantities as may be required during the month of January, 60 pounds to the bushel, in good ordinary well-coopered barrels.

Separate proposals, *in duplicate*, must be made for each article enumerated, and bidders may propose for the whole or any part of each.

Samples of all the articles, except the meats must be delivered with the proposals, and referred to therein. Samples of Flour, Rice, Tea, Sugar, Salt, Pepper and Dried Apples, must be in neat boxes of cardboard or tin, fully labeled, *and not in paper parcels*.

A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the proposals must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid to have consideration, must contain the written guarantee of two responsible names, as follows:

"We the undersigned, hereby guaranty that should all or any part of the above bid be accepted, it shall be duly fulfilled according to its true purport and conditions; also, that a written contract, with bonds to the amount of one-fourth the value of the stores proposed to be furnished, shall be executed, if required."

The seller's name, place of business, and the date of purchase, as well as the name of contents, with gross, tare and net weights, and shipping marks, to be hereafter designated, must be plainly marked on every package. All other marks must be obliterated. All boxes to be strapped with green hickory straps.

Certificates of inspection by professional packers or inspectors, *other than the party furnishing the provisions*, will be required for all the meats, certifying on the part of the seller their present quality and condition and the immediately preceding inspection. The meats will also be examined and passed upon by Robert P. Getty, inspector on the part of the United States.

The flour will be inspected at the date of delivery and compared with the retained samples, by Henry Shields, President of the Association of Flour Inspectors, who-e certificate will be required.

All the stores will be carefully inspected before their delivery, and compared with the retained samples. Returns of weights, signed by a Professional Public Weigher, must be furnished whenever required.

Payment, as heretofore, to be made in such funds as may be furnished by the United States.

Contractors are expected to hold their goods, without expense to the United States, until required for shipment.

Blanks for Proposals will be furnished at this office, which must be inclosed in an envelope addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."

A. B. EATON,
Colonel and A. C. G. S.

OFFICE COM. OF SUB. VOL. SERS.,
No. 2 BRIDGE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS, TO BE INDORSED, "PROPOSALS FOR COOKED RATIONS," will be received by the undersigned, at this office, until 4 o'clock P. M. of MONDAY, the 21st inst., for supplying and delivering at such points as *may be required*, for one year from Jan. 1, 1864, or for such shorter period as may be directed by the Commissary-General of Subsistence, COOKED RATIONS to all troops in the service of the United States who may be in New-York City, or its immediate vicinity, as well as to those who may be on route, under military orders, for whom they may be required by the proper authority. The ration is to be served in three meals a day, and is to be fully equal in *quality* and equivalent in *amount* to the authorized ration of the United States army, which consists of the following articles and quantities for 100 complete rations, viz.:

75 pounds of Pork, or Bacon Sides, or Shoulders or Hams,
or 125 pounds of Salt or Fresh Beef.
137½ pounds of Flour or Soft Bread,
or 100 pounds of Hard Bread.
15 pounds of Beans or Peas.
10 pounds of Rice or Hominy.
8 pounds of Roasted and Ground Coffee,
or 10 pounds of Green Coffee,
or 1½ pounds of Tea.
15 pounds of Sugar.
1 gallon of Vinegar.
1¼ pounds of Adamantine Candles.
4 pounds of Soap.
3¾ pounds of Salt.
4 ounces of Black Pepper.
30 pounds of Potatoes.
1 quart of Molasses.

The bidder must state the price per ration for supplying, cooking and serving the same, *in a building furnished at public expense*, which price must include all other expenses, such as supplying table furniture, cooking apparatus, fuel, transportation of rations, &c.

The bidder must also state the price per ration for supplying, cooking and serving the same, *the contractor to furnish a suitable building*, which price must include all other expenses as above.

All bids must be accompanied by a guarantee, as follows:

We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that in case the foregoing bid of ——— be accepted it shall be duly fulfilled according to its true purport and conditions; also, that a written contract shall be executed, with bonds in the sum of $10,000.

Names of Guarantors.

To this must be attached a certificate signed by the U. S. District Judge, or U. S. District Attorney, or Collector of the Port, in form as follows:

"*I hereby certify that the above-named are known to me as men of property, and are good and sufficient guarantors.*"

All bidders must give their names in full, and also state their place of residence and of business.

Each bid must have a printed copy of this advertisement attached to it.

The Government reserves the right to reject any bid which seems unreasonable or disadvantageous to it.

No contract will be awarded to any person offering more than one bid, or naming more than one price, excepting as above indicated, or who is in any way interested in more than one offer.

F. H. MOORE, Capt. C. S. V. S.

PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON DEPOT, Dec. 8, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS are invited by the undersigned for supplying the United States Quartermaster's Departments, at Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Alexandria and Fort Monroe, Va., or either of these places, with Hay, Corn, Oats and Straw.

Bids will be received for the delivery of 5,000 bushels of corn or oats, and 50 tons of hay or straw, and upward.

Bidders must state at which of the above-named points they propose to make deliveries, and the rates at which they will make deliveries thereat, the quantity of each article proposed to be delivered, the time when said deliveries shall be commenced, and when to be completed.

The price must be written out in words on the bids.

Corn to be put up in good stout sacks, of about two bushels each. Oats in like sacks, of about three bushels each. The sacks to be furnished without extra charge to the Government. The hay and straw to be securely baled.

The particular kind or description of oats, corn, hay or straw, proposed to be delivered must be stated in the proposals.

All the articles offered under the bids herein invited, will be subject to a rigid inspection by the Government Inspector before being accepted.

Contracts will be awarded from time to time to the lowest responsible bidder, as the interest of the Government may require, and payment will be made when the whole amount contracted for shall have been delivered and accepted.

The bidder will be required to accompany his proposal with a guarantee, signed by two responsible persons, that in case his bid is accepted, he or they will, within ten days thereafter, execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to deliver the forage proposed in conformity with the terms of this advertisement; and in case the said bidder should fail to enter into the contract, they to make good the difference between the offer of said bidder and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of a United States District-Attorney, Collector of Customs, or any other officer under the United States Government, or responsible person known at this office.

All bidders will be duly notified of the acceptance or rejection of their proposals.

The full name and Post-office address of each bidder must be legibly written in the proposal.

Proposals must be addressed to Brigadier-General D. H. Rucker, Chief Depot Quartermaster, Washington, D. C., and should be plainly marked "Proposals for Forage."

Bonds, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, signed by the contractor and both of his guarantors, will be required of the successful bidder or bidders upon signing the contract.

Blank forms of bids, guarantees, and bonds, may be obtained upon application at this office.

FORM OF PROPOSAL.

(Town, County, and State,)
(Date)

I, the subscriber, do hereby propose to furnish and deliver to the United States, at the Quartermaster's Department, at ———, agreeably to the terms of your advertisement, inviting proposals for forage, dated Washington, Depot, Dec. 8, 1863, the following articles, viz.:

—— bushels of Corn, in sacks, at —— per bushel of 56 pounds.
—— bushels of Oats, in sacks, at —— per bushel of 32 pounds.
—— tons of baled Hay, at —— per ton of 2,000 pounds.
—— tons of baled Straw, at —— per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Delivery to commence on or before the ——— day of ———, 186—, and to be completed on or before the ——— day of ———, 186—, and I do pledge myself to enter into a written contract with the United States, with good and approved securities, within the space of ten days after being notified that my bid has been accepted.

Your obedient servant,

Brigadier-General D. H. RUCKER,
Chief Depot Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

GUARANTEE.

We, the undersigned, residents of ———, in the County of ———, and State of ———, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guarantee in case the foregoing bid of ——— be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of said bid, execute the contract for the same with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to furnish the forage proposed in conformity to the terms of advertisement dated Dec. 8, 1863, under which the bid was made, and, in case the said ——— shall fail to enter into a contract as aforesaid, we guarantee to make good the difference between the offer by the said ——— and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

Witness, { Given under our hands and seals this ——— day of ———, 186— [Seal.] [Seal.]

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guar

SHIPPING.

GALWAY LINE.
THE
ATLANTIC IRISH ROYAL MAIL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
ADRIATIC, 1,200 Horse-power, 4,000 Tons.
HIBERNIA, 1,000 Horse-power, 3,000 Tons.
COLUMBIA, 1,000 Horse-power, 3,000 Tons.
ANGLIA, 1,000 Horse-power, 3,000 Tons.
The magnificent side-wheel Steamship HIBERNIA,
Capt. MORAN
will sail from BOSTON, for GALWAY and LIVERPOOL, on TUESDAY, Dec. 29, to be followed by the ADRIATIC, from NEW-YORK Jan. 12.
Rates of passage, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency: First Cabin, $80; Intermediate $40; Steerage, $30. New York to St. Johns, $40, $30, $20).
Passengers forwarded also to London, Paris, Hamburg, Havre, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at lowest rates.
Fares from Liverpool or Galway to New-York and Boston, $30, $40, $85, $105.
For passage, apply to
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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS PER GEORGE CROMWELL FOR NEW ORLEANS.
On account of an accident to her machinery, the GEORGE CROMWELL
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AT A MEETING OF RECEIVERS AND exporters of Western Leaf Tobacco, held at No. 120 Pearl-st., New-York, Dec. 10, 1863.
JOSEPH FATMAN, Chairman,
H. B. ROGERS, Jr., Secretary.
The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:
Whereas, The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has recommended to Congress to levy an Excise tax of twenty cents per pound on Leaf Tobacco, grown in the United States of America, and has also recommended that no drawback of the said twenty cents tax be allowed on *export* of Leaf Tobacco; and
Whereas, Statistics of American and foreign Tobacco, the experience we have gained from long dealing in the article, and especially the result brought about by the high prices of Leaf Tobacco during the past two years, prove to us that such a tax as proposed would not only injure, but almost annihilate the export of American Leaf Tobacco, resulting in great loss to the agricultural, mercantile and shipping interests of the country, and benefiting alone the foreign growers of Tobacco, and would tend to throw the balance of exchange more than ever against the United States to the great detriment of our national currency; and
Whereas, We believe that the injury to the trade of the country would more than counterbalance the revenue obtained from the proposed tax, therefore
Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this meeting to proceed to Washington, and that they be instructed to lay before the Committee of Ways and Means such facts and statistics on the subject of the production and export of Leaf Tobaccos, as will best serve the object of the Government, and interfere least with the interests of trade and commerce.
Resolved, That this meeting considers a Tax on Leaf Tobacco inexpedient.
Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to visit Washington in pursuance of the above resolutions.
Mr. FATMAN,
Mr. LEOPOLD HUFFER,
Mr. JOHN BRYAN,
Mr. WALLACE, and
Mr. CAMPBELL,
were appointed such Committee.
Resolved, That the cooperation of the trade at Louisville, St. Louis, Paducah, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, be invited, and that a copy of these proceedings be furnished by publication in at least three papers published in this city.
The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chairman.
H. B. ROGERS, Jr., Secretary.

COMMISSIONER FOR NEW-JERSEY and other States—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 8, first floor, over Park Bank.

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Fare for this train at excursion rates.
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A. REASONER, Superintendent.

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G. J., 12, 1863. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Sup't.

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AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
THE OPERA.
Director.....MAX MARETZEK
The Director begs to inform the patrons of the Opera and the public generally, that he will, on his return from Philadelphia, give
FOUR GRAND OPERA NIGHTS
AND ONE MATINEE,
as follows:
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23,
FRIDAY, Dec. 25,
MONDAY, Dec. 28,
and WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30,
THE MATINEE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, Dec. 26.
These will be positively the only performances until the return of the company in February next, as they have to appear by contract in Boston, on Monday, Jan. 4.
On WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock, will be presented, for the first and only time this season, Verdi's grand opera, in four acts, of
UN BALLO IN MASCHERA,
with the following unparalleled cast:
Amelia.....Mad. JOSEPHINE MEDORI
Oscar.....Mad. ORTOLANI BRIGNOLI
Ulrica.....Mlle. HENRIETTA SULZER
Richard.....Sig. FRANCISCO MAZZOLENI
Reinhart.....Sig. FERNANDO BELLINI
Samuel, Enemy of Richard, Sig. DOMENICO COLLETTI
Tom, Enemy of Richard.....Sig. Muller
Sylvan.....Sig. Massia
A Judge.....Sig. Reichardt
CONDUCTOR.....Sig. J. NUNO
On SATURDAY, Dec. 26, AT ONE O'CLOCK,
GRAND MEDORI MATINEE,
on which occasion will be produced, for this time only, Mozart's chef d'œuvre,
DON GIOVANNI,
with its magnificent cast.
NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
Subscribers desirous to retain their boxes and regular seats are respectfully requested to give notice at the box-office of the Academy, which will be open for that purpose TO-DAY (Monday), Dec. 21, from 9 to 5 o'clock.
PRICES OF ADMISSION AS USUAL.
The regular sale of secured seats and tickets will commence on Tuesday morning, at the box-office of the Academy, at Beer & Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway, and at Root & Anthony's, corner Nassau and Pine sts.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
GERMAN OPERA.
THIS NIGHT, THE 21ST.
Positively the last night of the season, when the great romantic opera, in five acts,
FAUST, by Gounod,
will be repeated, which was given on Friday last, to an overflowing house, with such immense success, that the press unanimously speak of that performance in the highest terms of praise.
The Opera will be performed as originally written by the composer, without curtailing whatever.
To give full effect to the celebrated SOLDIER'S CHORUS in the fourth act, the
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Mephistopheles	Herr Weinlich
Margaret	Mme. Frederici
Valentine	Herr Steinecke
Siebel	* * *
Martha	Mme. Berger
CONDUCTOR	CARL ANSCHUTZ

. Mme. JOHANNSEN, having recovered from her indisposition, will appear in the important part of "Siebel."
A full military band in the fourth act.
The new scenery in the fifth act is painted by NICOLAS MEISTER, from Cologne.
☞ The new costumes by JOS. STOLLWERK.
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In consequence of the length of the Opera, the overture will commence at 7½ o'clock. The curtain will rise at 7¾ o'clock.

IRVING HALL.
THE NEW-YORK HARMONIC SOCIETY
will give their twelfth annual performance of
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on CHRISTMAS NIGHT, (Friday,) Dec. 25, 1863,
commencing at 7½ o'clock.
Solos sustained by
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WITH FULL ORCHESTRA,
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS, No. 69 SOUTH-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1863.
NOTICE.—PURSUANT TO RESOLUTIONS OF the Board of Commissioners of Pilots, adopted at a regular meeting of said Board, held Dec. 15, 1863, at their office, above indicated, all owners of vessels or craft now sunk in the waters of the Port and Harbor of New-York, at or near Piers Nos. 51, 52, 53, and 54, North River, are hereby notified to remove the same, with all their cargoes and appurtenances, within three days from this date, or the same will be removed at the risk and expense of said owners, as provided by law.
By order of the Board of Commissioners of Pilots.
D. A. NASH, Clerk.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1863.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Ordnance Officers, appointed for the purpose of examining officers applying to be commissioned as ordnance officers, of a rank not higher than Captain, will assemble at the office, on the 4th of January next, for the examination of Officers of the Army, applicants for the appointment of Second Lieutenant of Ordnance. All officers desirous of appearing before the Board, must first make application to that effect to the Chief of Ordnance, stating their age, present state of healthfulness, where and how educated, and what studies they have pursued. Such as wish to appear before the Board at its next meeting should file their application as herein required by or before the 28th Dec., 1863.
(Signed) GEO. D. RAMSAY, Brig.-Gen., Chief of Ordnance.

THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS will meet every day, until further notice, in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, at 1 o'clock P. M. Parties having business with the Committee are respectfully invited to attend.
Alderman TERENCE FARLEY,
Alderman PETER MITCHELL,
Alderman JOHN T. HENRY,
Alderman F. I. A. BOOLE,
Alderman JOHN D. OTTIWELL,
Councilman WM. JOYCE,
Councilman SAMUEL WEBSTER,
Councilman JOHN MCONNELL,
Councilman ALEX. BRANDON,
Councilman JOHN G. HAVILAND.

THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every FRIDAY, at two o'clock P. M., in Room number twelve, City Hall. All persons interested in matters pending the action of the Committee, are invited to attend.
TERENCE FARLEY,
JACOB M. LONG,
PETER MASTERSON,
Committee.

THE COMMITTEE ON SEWERS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock P. M., in Room number eight, City Hall. Parties interested in any matter before the Committe will have an opportunity of being heard.
GEORGE A. JEREMIAH,
TERENCE FARLEY,
CHARLES H. HALL,
Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDings, of the Board of Aldermen, will meet every TUESDAY, in Room No. 8 City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering all papers referred to such Committee. All parties interested will please attend without further notice.
PETER MASTERSON,
JOHN FOX,
LEWIS R. RYERS,
Committee on Public Buildings.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen, will meet every SATURDAY, at two o'clock, in the City Library Room, City Hall.
JOHN McCOOL,
PETER MITCHELL,
LEWIS R. RYERS,
Committee on Fire Department.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH of the Board of Aldermen will meet in Room number twelve, City Hall, on TUESDAY of each week, at two o'clock P. M., until further notice. All persons interested in papers awaiting the action of the Committee are requested to attend.
TERENCE FARLEY,
JACOB M. LONG,
JOHN D. OTTIWELL,
Committee.

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 8, City Hall, for the purpose of investigating all papers referred to them. All persons interested are respectfully requested to appear before the Committee without further notice.
PETER MASTERSON,
GEO. A. JEREMIAH,
CHAS. H. HALL,
Committee on Police.

AMUSEMENTS.

WINTER GARDEN.
TO-NIGHT AND EVERY NIGHT,
MR. AND MRS. J. J. FLORENCE
will appear in Tom Taylor's celebrated picture of English every-day life,
THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN,
being the forty-second night of an engagement of unequaled success.
Among the many letters from persons in private and public life which commend this play, we take pleasure in being permitted to insert the two following, because the position of their writers lend to them a peculiar interest, independent of the remarkable brilliancy which, as might be expected, distinguishes the criticism of our accomplished District-Attorney, which would alone render his letter a feature of interest. Mr. Hall has for several years endeavored to introduce a legislative enactment of the "Ticket-of-Leave" system into the prisons of the State, in favor of convicts whose conduct may seem to have entitled them to an enlargement of their prison surveillance. Mr. Edwin James represents the legal feeling on the other side, having been for several years deemed facile princeps among the great criminal lawyers of England:

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, DISTRICT-ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Dec. 6, 1863.
MY DEAR SIR: Permit me to intrude on you with my thanks for the great gratification, instruction, and relaxation afforded to me last night by your acting in the "Ticket-of Leave Man." I had the scenes and incidents just as vividly before me as if my friend, Surveyor ANDREWS—who was with me in the parquet—and myself had been on fan intent in the Bellevue Gardens, or, professionally and officially, present in the counting-room and Arms' Inn. To me, henceforward, Bob Brierly is a living man. And, yet, I have seen many of his kind in my official career, and listened to his complaints—and, perhaps, helped him. But the fictitious and impersonated "Bob" is actually more natural than him I have seen fresh from Sing Sing; or undergoing the same pangs which you did in the drama!
It is many years ago since I was a dramatic critic, earning a portion of my daily bread in the "art," and I am, therefore, not *au fait* in the lingo of the craft. But I give you my impressions as they seem to stand upon the plate of memory. I came to be disappointed! Tom Taylor is one of my favorites, and I would, as with Shakespeare—*interlongo vello*—rather read his plays than witness their performance, because so few actors appreciate Taylor's subtle wit, or correctly work out his undercurrent of antitheses. Indeed, few audiences are schooled to appreciate, even if the actor portrays, these, his rather too æsthetical plays. But we came, saw, delighted—and left in your debt. You sustained, from the first heart-pang until the last heart-triumph, the character of Bob, just as he must have issued from the study of Taylor. You were (barring the sex!) a Minerva from the brain of the Jupiter-author, armed and ready for the fight. The Surveyor and myself more than once used the handkerchief while you acted. Nor were we ashamed of it.
When men are much in the world of crime and contention, they are not ashamed of emotion, if it be genuine.
The transition from the physical rebuff of May—with her guitar—to the moral recoil on the natural emotion of the heart at sight of her face, was one of your best points. Perhaps she helped you to its excellence, for I have, during years of experience in theatricals, seldom seen so natural a bit of acting (sustained throughout, too) as Mrs. Chanfrau presented to Tom Taylor's part. Your comic by-play in her sewing-room, when the good-mother grew loquacious, was better than any text could have been from the author. That, of course is your triumph, not his. Indeed, that scene would have been wrecked on the rock of prolixity, but for your by-play. So, too, your look, attitude, play of feature, &c., when the £20 restitution business first comes into Bob's mind, (and continuing into the counting-house when the money restored to the old lady,) were so many new settings of the gems of the dramatist. Your pathos of voice, when you "lecture" young Willoughby in the counting-room, was inimitable—only surpassed by the fairly heart-broken accents in the "Arms" which you employ, and which I have time and time again heard in real life. It surprised some of the audience, who do not—thinking superficially—appreciate how close is the connection between the pathetic and the comic: evidenced in Tom Hood as writer and Mrs. Jordan as actress. (of course I mean *the* Clarence Jordan.) The melodramatic parts—the grappling with Davenport at the safe; the trap-door warning, ("cued" so admirably by the detective,) and the tussle in the churchyard—were dangerous turning points in a play abounding with so many quiet hits and merely emotional successes; but you kept, with exceeding cleverness, within the bounds of nature; so that a detective friend, whom I met on going out, remarked, "That he felt as if he had been doing a fair bit of business himself."
May I be permitted to remark also how effectively your wife sustained a part which in other hands might have been a drag? Tom Taylor is not so effective in his underplots and secondary parts as he is in the workings out of his leading idea and in furbishing up his principal character. I have never seen the play as yet, in print; but it rather strikes me that Mrs. Florence created her part. It was exceedingly clever without being (of which at first we thought there was some danger) in anywise stagy caricature. It is a test of genius; *n'est ce pas?* when an author himself verges upon caricature for an actor or actress to bring out all the author's extravagant ideas so as to please and not offend refined taste? There were quite touches of sentiment, too, in her acting, akin to the little quite woodland effects which a great landscape painter will sketch, as it were, into his gorgeous sunset piece, and hiding them adroitly in a corner.
The whole effect of the play was so ethical, that I wish the philanthropists of the day, who so shamefully neglect the Prison Aid Society, and who so culpably leave the care of the returned convict to his pals, could see the Ticket-of-Leave and your acting. The two should run together in the City for beyond New-Year's; and you should not receive your "actor's ticket-of-leave" until every clergyman and boy in the Metropolitan Police District had seen the impersonation of the scenes between Brierly and Willoughby.
I have given by my prolixity, stolen from a day's hard work of that, the best evidence of the impression made upon us. Please allow us again to thank you; and with regards to Mrs. Florence, to remain your obliged servant,
A. OAKEY HALL.
W. J. FLORENCE, Esq.

WASHINGTON-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1863.
DEAR MR. FLORENCE: The performance of the "Ticket-of-Leave Man," at the Winter Garden, has afforded me much gratification.
To enlist public sentiment on behalf of the man who has been tempted into the commission of crime; to prove that within the walls of a prison penitence and reformation are not impossible; to aff rd him the fair opportunity of a brighter and happier future, was the object of the author in the construction of this drama.
I had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and have conversed with him much upon this subject. He would be pleased with the manner in which the effort of his genius is embodied by your very natural and forcible representation of the principal character.
England has borrowed much of her system of prison discipline from the United States; we might, I think, with advantage to the criminal, and without any injury to society, adopt a course which would afford some prospect of retrieving character, and allow a ray of hope to shine into the dark dungeon of the penitent and reformed convict. Yours, faithfully, EDWIN JAMES.
To W. J. FLORENCE, &c., Winter Garden.

PATRIOTIC REUNION
OF THE FRIENDS OF THE SOLDIER
AT THE
ACADEMY OF MUSIC,
IN AID OF THE OBJECTS OF THE
NEW-ENGLAND SOLDIERS'
RELIEF ASSOCIATION,
SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 26.
HON. JAMES T. BRADY, Esq., WILL PRESIDE.
ADDRESS BY
REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER.
Music by the celebrated Band of the
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PRESENTATION OF A STAND OF COLORS
FROM
GOV. ANDREW, OF MASSACHUSETTS,
RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION
B

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Funeral of Alderman Froment.

One of the largest and most imposing funerals witnessed in this City was that of Alderman FROMENT, which took place yesterday afternoon at the English Lutheran Church on Fifteenth-street. About 1 o'clock the procession, consisting of the relatives and friends of the deceased, members of the Common Council, representatives of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, Tammany Society, and the chief officers of the Police Department, proceeded to church, where a large number of people had already assembled. The coffin, beautifully decorated with flowers, was borne to the altar, followed by Mr. GUNTHER, Mayor elect, Judge DALY, Comptroller BRENNAN, Supervisor TWEED, Superintendent KENNEDY, City Inspector BOOLE, and others. The funeral sermon, or more properly oration, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. JAMES SCHOUCK, who, after reading from the Bible the words "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts," proceeded to make an application of the text to the occasion. The Doctor illustrated the fact that God's ways are not man's ways in the death of Alderman FROMENT, for had it been optional with the community of which he was so useful a member, he would have lived to the age of a patriarch. God had seen fit to remove him, for what reason none knew—possibly because He wished us to have a higher appreciation of the value of good men, that we might strive the more to emulate them. The Doctor's remarks were listened to with profound attention. At their conclusion, the burial service was read and an opportunity afforded the audience to see the remains. At 2½ o'clock the remains were taken from the church, when the procession was again formed, and proceeded to the interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

THE HEENAN AND KING MATCH.—The nearer the approach to the receipt of the result of this mauling match the greater the excitement and the more lavish the betting. KING'S backers are numerous, and were at the start offered the odds of two to one, and this is now considered the ruling rate. It was HARRY CLIFTON, of Broadway and Fourth-street, not Broadway and Eighth, who seeks to invest $3,000 or more on KING—the ruling odds being allowed him. Up to Saturday a well-known citizen had $17,000 invested on KING. A gentleman of wealth last week wagered a fine team of carriage horses on HEENAN against one moderately good animal. At all the resorts down town money flies around as though it cost nothing, and men who never bet before bet now. One of the best evidences that money is plenty is the quantity that people are now so eagerly trying to get rid of on this bull fight. The news of the result ought to be here to-day. When it does come thousands will be poorer if not wiser.

ARTISTS' FUND SOCIETY.—The exhibition of the Artists' Fund Society closed last Friday evening, and the sale of the pictures takes place this evening.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—*Part I.*—Nos. 3757, 3759, 3761, 3763, 3765, 3767, 3769, 3771, 3773, 3775, 3777, 3779, 3781, 3783, 3785, 3791, 3795, 3797, 3799, 3801. *Part II.*—No. 88. *Part III.*—Adjourned without day.

SPECIAL TERM.—Nos. 201, 176, 103, 228, 232, 248, 258, 302, 303, 304, 305—on calendar issues of law and fact—15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31.

SUPERIOR COURT.—*Part I.*—Nos. 2491, 1183, 3145, 3149, 1449, 2979, 633, 1711, 2815, 3159, 3161, 3163, 3067, 3171, 3173. *Part II.*—Nos. 736, 2098, 2018, 2662, 2372, 3558, 450, 2946, 2948, 2954, 2956, 2958, 2962, 2964, 2966.

COMMON PLEAS.—Both parts adjourned for the term.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Nov. 9.

Before Hon. Justice Mullen.

DEMURRER TO COMPLAINT.

ADOLPH HAMMER *vs.* CHARLES A. BARNES, *imp'd with Nash & Co.*—This case came up for argument before the Court on demurrer interposed by the defendant, Charles A. Barnes, to the plaintiff's complaint.

It appeared from the plaintiff's complaint that ADOLPH HAMMER (the celebrated Brewer) had devoted the greater portion of his life to studying the science of chemistry, and the practical application of the same to brewing, with a view of improving and perfecting the process of brewing, and thus, after many years of research and scientific investigation, had discovered a new process by which he is enabled to brew at all seasons—even during the most excessive hot weather—both ale and lager-bier of the most superior and uniform quality, which never sours. He also claims that he can produce from inferior malt ale and lager-bier of far superior quality than is made by the old process from superior malt, and also at least twenty per cent. more of it when the same amount of malt is used with both processes.

The plaintiff was in the habit of teaching his process to other brewers for a valuable consideration, (some of them paying as high as $10,000,) they binding themselves to keep it secret. About five years ago he established a very extensive brewery in Harlem, for the purpose of carrying his new process into effect, and with a view of contradicting, by the results of his operations, the assertions of parties who were prejudiced against his discovery, and of others who, actuated by selfish motives, stood in opposition to the general introduction of his process. After only a few years operations his ale has become exceedingly celebrated throughout the United States, owing to its superior qualities, especially its unparalleled keeping quality, and the demand for it far exceeds the capacity of his brewery. He now considers that he has convinced the parties interested that his statements as to the merits of his discovery are correct; and, having disposed of his brewery, has withdrawn from the brewing business, with the intention of devoting his time exclusively to the teaching of the art of brewing.

The complaint further averred that NASH & Co., brewers, applied to the plaintiff for a knowledge of his discovery, which the latter, for a valuable consideration, agreed to impart to them, and thereupon an agreement was entered into between the plaintiff and NASH & Co., to the effect that the plaintiff imparted to them his process, the said NASH & Co., binding themselves in a heavy penalty not to impart it to any one, excepting their manager, CHARLES A. BARNES.

It further averred that the defendants broke their agreement, after having experienced the beneficial nature of the improvement, by imparting the knowledge of the process to other brewers, whereby the plaintiff has been damaged to a large extent.

The complainant concluded by praying judgment against Nash & Co., for $35,000 damages, and for an injunction against all the defendants, to prevent them from further disclosing the plaintiff's process.

To this the defendant CHARLES A. BARNES, by his counsel, JOHN TOWNSEND, Jr., demurred; and the Court, after hearing the argument of counsel on both sides, rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff, overruling the demurrer, with costs, with liberty to answer in twenty days.

D. McMahon, for plaintiff; J. Townsend, Jr., for defendant, C. A. Barnes.

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MARRIED.

BRUNS—SWITZER.—On Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, by Rev. F. A. Farley, D. D., PHILIP BRUNS to EMILIE, eldest daughter of E. W. Switzer, Esq.

GIRVAN—MASON.—On Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Church of the Incarnation, by Rev. H. E. Montgomery, WILLIAM J. GIRVAN and SARAH E. MASON, eldest daughter of Charles Mason, all of this City.

DIED.

ALLEN.—At No. 8 Ridge-st, on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, at 7½ o'clock, ISAAC ALLEN, aged 76 years, 10 months and 16 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, from the Willet-st. M. E. Church.

BYRON.—On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19, of scarlet fever, WILLIAM [illegible] BYRON, only son of William and Josephine Byron, aged 3 years and 10 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 248 East 53d-st., on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock.

BUCK.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 20, EMMA LOUISE, infant daughter of James F. and Sara E. Buck, aged 1 year, 2 months and 6 days.

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon, 22d inst., at 3 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, 125th-st., between 1st and 2d avs.

BADGLEY.—In this City, on Saturday, Dec. 19, SARAH BADGLEY, widow of Abner Badgley, in the 86th year of her age.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Jane Fowler, No. 236 Wooster-st., this day, (Sunday,) 20th inst., at 2 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Elizabeth on Monday morning for interment.

CROWELL.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, of disease of the brain HARRY R., son of Martin L. and Eliza A. Crowell, in the 15th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, the 22d inst., at 1 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 235 West 21st-st.

CLAYTON.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, ANN ELIZA, wife of Edwin A. Clayton, and youngest daughter of the late Thomas Constantine.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from No 496 Grand-st., Williamsburgh, on Tuesday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

DICK.—On Saturday morning, Dec. 19, ANNA GERTRUDE, youngest child of David H. and Mary S. Dick, aged 1 year, 6 months and 16 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral, from the Church of the Holy Innocents, 37th-st., near Broadway, on Monday, Dec. 21, at 3 o'clock P. M. Her remains will be taken to the Marble Cemetery for interment.

DUFFY.—At Fordham, on Sunday, Dec. 20, LILLIE E., only daughter of Phillip and Jane Duffy, aged 4 years and 6 months.

The funeral services will take place at the residence of her parents, Fordham, on Tuesday, 22d inst., at 3 o'clock P. M. Harlem Railroad trains leave 26th-st. at 2½ o'clock. The remains will be deposited temporarily at West Farms.

☞ Philadelphia and St. Louis papers please copy.

DYCKMAN.—At North Orange, N. J., on Saturday, Dec. 19, after a short and painful illness, NAOMI GRANT, youngest daughter of William H. and Naomi F. Dyckman, aged 1 year and 6 months.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of her parents, in Day-st., North Orange, on Tuesday afternoon, 22d inst., at 12¾ o'clock. Trains leave by Morris and Essex Railroad, from foot of Barclay st., at 11¾ o'clock. The interment will take place in Greenwood.

FROMENT.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, DOROTHEA FROMENT, aged 78 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of her son, Theodore, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 247 South 2d-st., Williamsburgh, this (Monday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

GOODING.—At Deep Creek, Utah Territory, on Friday, Dec. 18, JOSEPH GOODING, Superintendent of the Overland Mail Company.

☞ Washington papers please copy.

KREBS.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 20, ELLEN DE WITT CHAMBERS, wife of Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral service to be held at Madison-av. Church, corner of 28th st., this day, (Monday,) at 3 o'clock P. M. She will be buried from the First Presbyterian Church, Newburgh, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock P. M.

LOOMIS.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 20, very suddenly, of apoplexy, GEORGE W. LOOMIS, in the 35th year of his age.

His remains will be taken to Hartford, Conn., for interment.

LATOURETTE.—At Bergen Point, N. J., on Saturday, Dec. 19, MARGARET, wife of Capt. David Latourette, in the 72d year of her age.

Notice of funeral in to-morrow's paper.

MERIAN.—Drowned, on board iron-clad *Weehawken*, off Charleston, on Sunday, Dec. 6, HENRY W. MERIAN, Third Assistant Engineer U. S. N., only son of J. J. MERIAN, of Brooklyn, aged 23 years and 11 months.

MANNING.—On Friday morning, Dec. 18, Mrs. MARY D. MANNING, widow of Jeremiah Manning, in the 73d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family, with those of her son, J. Angus Manning, and her brothers, Daniel, William S. and C. R. Robert, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, without further invitation, on Monday morning, 21st inst., at 11 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 72 West 12th-st.

SMITH.—On Saturday evening, Dec. 19, HENRY SMITH aged 38 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, Dec. 21, at 1 o'clock, from his late residence, No. 175 East 26th st. The remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

SMITH.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday morning, Dec. 19, after a short and severe illness, MORGAN COOLEY, only son of Sydney E. and Elvira V. P. Smith, aged 2 years, 2 months and 27 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 6 Jefferson Park, corner of President and Hicks sts., Brooklyn, on Monday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, without further notice.

STILLMAN.—On Sunday, Dec. 21, FANNY, youngest daughter of Thomas and Emma T. Stillman.

Funeral at 12 M., this day, (Monday.) Relatives and friends of the family are invited.

SCHUYLER.—In this City, on Sunday, Dec. 20, ELIZA, wife of George L. Schuyler, and daughter of James A. Hamilton.

WHITTINGHAM.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, MARY, youngest daughter of the late Charles Whittingham.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 207 South 9th-st., Williamsburgh, on Tuesday afternoon, 22d inst., at 2 o'clock.

Passengers Arrived.

In steamship Montana, Star, from Havana and New-Orleans.—S. Keiser, E. Wolf, G. Goldman, Lieut. Morey, Mrs. Montrive, M. W. Smith, M. Arecncan, R. J. Evans, F. F. Folger, M. Muilhof, F. Dansereau, L. Levy, H. W. Mead, Capt. J. B. Smith, Mrs. L. Von Praig and child, Mr. Mann, C. Boustber, Miss Flach, B. La-ava, Deville and servant, P. Egen, H. W. Petrous, G. Brinkerhoff, F. Lalout, H. A. Brown, L. B. Montilla and lady, T. F. Calen, G. Julian, lady and 3 children, G. P. Parker, E. H. Saulmer, M. Piquemel, R. M. Samette, Miss Helen Dilloway, R. A. Southwick, Gen. Weitzel and servant, Capt. O. M. Wilson, Capt. Uhann and son, G. H. Wooster and lady, S. T. Suit, T. Suit, Nelson Fitch, A. Camps, Mrs. Howard, P. Pontric, Capt. Graves and servant, T. Neal, Lieut. Fitch, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Hoffman, B. W. Symonds and lady, Capt. Hasim, Capt. Blakesley, Col. Foster, M. Ledyard, W. A. Cline, J. Esmus, S. A. Paris, Lieut. Emerson, Capt. Evers, Capt. James Nichols, W. Greenough.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.
Sun rises..... 7 20 | Sun sets..... 4 36 | Moon sets.. 4 00
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook. 4 24 | Gov. Island .. 5 13 | Hell Gate.. 6 35

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK.....SUNDAY, Dec. 20.

Arrived.

H. C. M. steam frigate Carmen, Commander Jose Polo de Bernabi, Havana Dec 10. She came to this port using only half steam power. Has been detained two days by the late S. E. gale, which overtook her 17th, when within 25 miles of Sandy Hook. The C. mounts 41 guns, is of 600-horse-power, and has a crew of 500 men and officers.

Steamship Hecla, Macauley, Liverpool Dec. 1, and Queenstown Dec. 2, with mdse. and 422 passengers to E. Cunard. Dec. 12, lat. 46 02, lon. 45, passed a large vessel bottom up. 18th, 9 P. M., off Nantucket Lightship, exchanged night signals with a steamer, bound E., supposed to be the Virginia.

Steamship Morning Star, Courteney, New-Orleans, 13th inst., and Havana 15th, with mdse. and passengers to J. A. Raynor.

Steamship Merrimac, Sampson, New-Orleans Dec. 13, with cotton, &c., to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.

U. S. steam transport Thomas Swann, Hobart, Washington, D. C., 50 hours, in ballast to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.

Steamer Parkersburgh, Hoffman, Portland, Me., with mdse. and passengers to H. B. Cromwell & Co.

Steamer Osprey, Aldrich, Providence, with mdse. to E. Bynner.

Bark Casnais, (Fr.,) Briand, Martinique 21 ds., in ballast to Vatable & Reynald. Had heavy weather.

Bark Heimdahl, (Nor.,) Toralsen, Alicante 49 ds., in ballast to order.

Brig Mira W. Holt, Lord, Norfolk 6 ds., with wood to master.

Schr. R. M. Demill, Hendrickson, Port Royal 6 ds., in ballast to Demill & Co.

Schr. S. R. Bailey, Robinson, Newbern, N. C., 10 ds., for Boston.

Schr. Napoleon, (3-masted,) Soper, Port Royal 6 ds.

Schr. D. C. Higgins, Band, Virginia, with wood.

Schr. Mary Eva, Freeman, York River, with oysters.

Schr. S. Eddy, Patten, Baltimore, with coal.

Schr. Palestine, Carnbeim, Baltimore, with coal.

Schr. C. M. Newens, Hawkins, Baltimore, with coal.

Schr. Haze, Norson, Baltimore, with coal.

Schr. Ellen Baker, Jeffries, Virginia.

Schr. Armenia, Cavalier, Georgetown, with coal.

Schr. Eclipse, Cook, Georgetown, with coal.

Schr. Moonlight, Tuthill, Alexandria.

Schr. John Cullins, Ruland, Virginia, with wood.

WIND—Sunset, N. W.

Below.

Bark Teresa, (Dan.,) from Maracaibo.
Brig Giula, (Aus.,) from Marseilles.
Also, 2 ships unknown.

Sailed.

Dec. 19—Steamers Salvor, Thorn, City of Richmond.
Ships Julia, (Br.,) Columbia, Wilhelmine, (Brem.,) Octavius, (Br.,) Victoria, Unolamus.
Barks D. C. Murray, France, (Fr.,) Gertrude, and Maraval.
Brigs J. Hathaway, Margaret, (Br.,) Prince of Wales, (Br.,) Vesta, (Br.,) Thos. Owen, Union.
Schr. M. A. Wood.

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